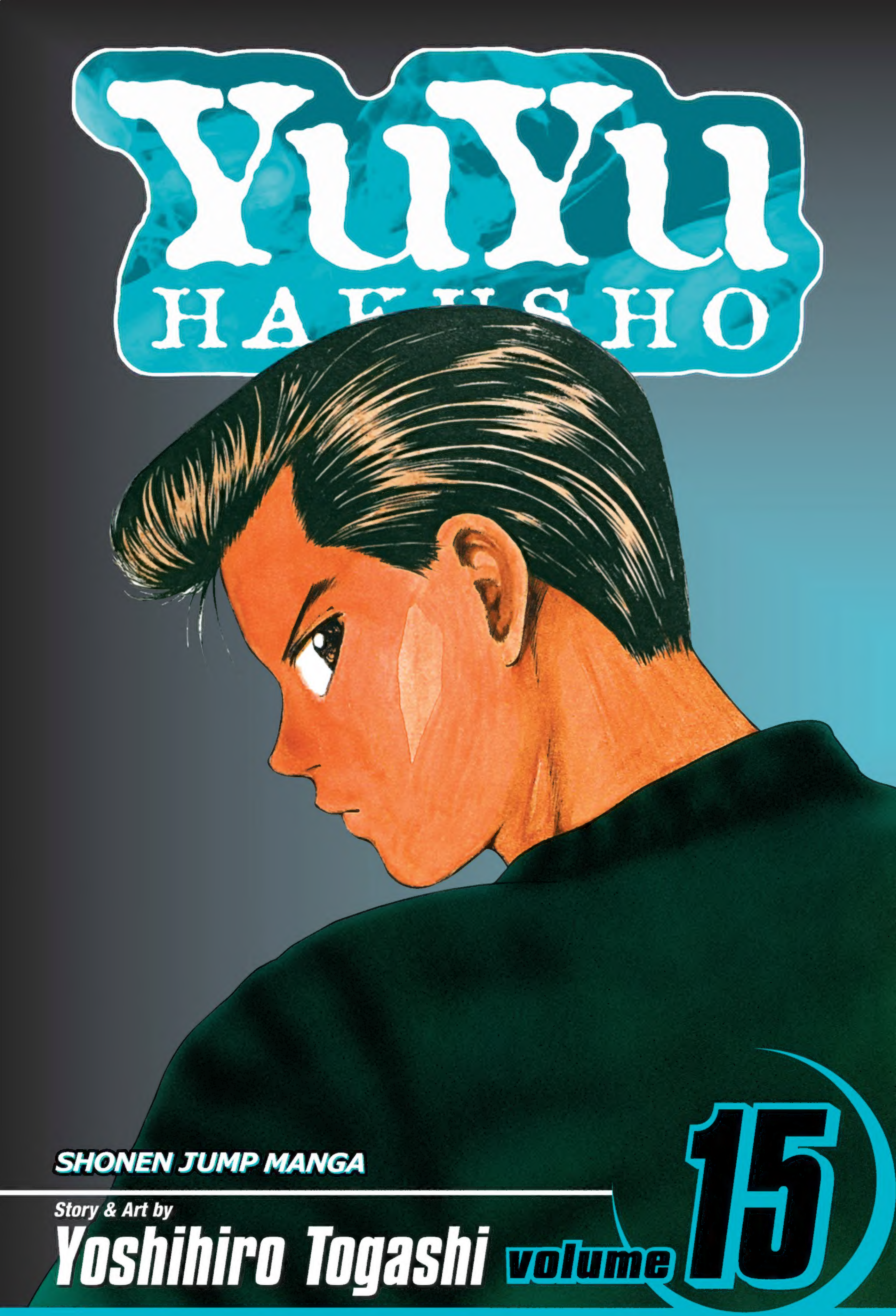
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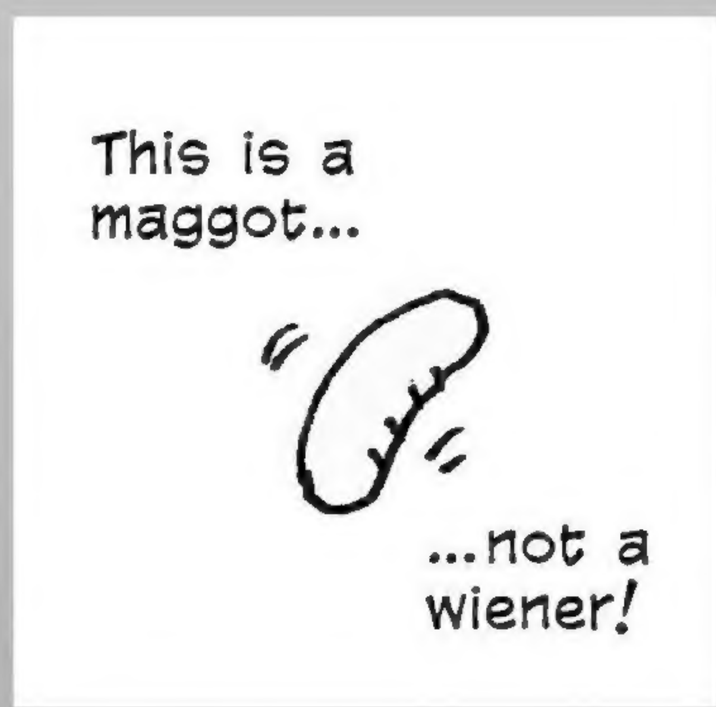

ABOUT ME #5: CONFESSION

I OWN A LOT OF DIRTY VIDEOS.
MY FEET STINK.
MY ARMPITS STINK TOO.
I OWN A PET SNAKE.
I'M TIRED.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1993

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KURAMA
KAZUMA KUWABARA
YUSUKE URAMESHI
KOENMA
HIEI
BOTAN

SENSUI

HAGIRI

KIYOSHI MITARAI
ABILITY: SEAMAN

MITSUNARI YANAGISAWA
ABILITY: COPY

YU KAITO
ABILITY: TABOO

The Story So Far

THIS IS THE STORY OF YUSUKE URAMESHI, A HAPLESS KID WHO GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT TRYING TO SAVE A SMALL BOY AND WOUND UP BECOMING A GHOST. KING ENMA TESTED YUSUKE WITH A NUMBER OF ORDEALS THAT ALLOWED HIM TO EARN HIS WAY BACK TO LIFE, AND HE NOW WORKS AS AN UNDERWORLD DETECTIVE. THIS HAS MADE HIM VERY UNPOPULAR WITH THE DEMONS HE PURSUES.

YUSUKE AND HIS FRIENDS BEAT TEAM TOGURO IN THE DARK TOURNAMENT, BUT THERE'S NO REST FOR THE WEARY! SENSUI, A FORMER UNDERWORLD DETECTIVE, HAS TAKEN OVER A PROJECT BEGUN BY A DARK TOURNAMENT SPONSOR, SAKYO -- OPENING A HOLE, THE BARRIER TUNNEL, TO THE DEMON PLANE AND WREAKING HAVOC ON THE HUMAN WORLD!! THE ALL-OUT WAR HAS BEGUN. WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?!

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SUPER STREET FIGHTING!!

YuYu HAKUSHO

CRIMSON LIGHTNING BALL!!

WATCH OUT!!

!!

ZHEEOOM

KABOOM

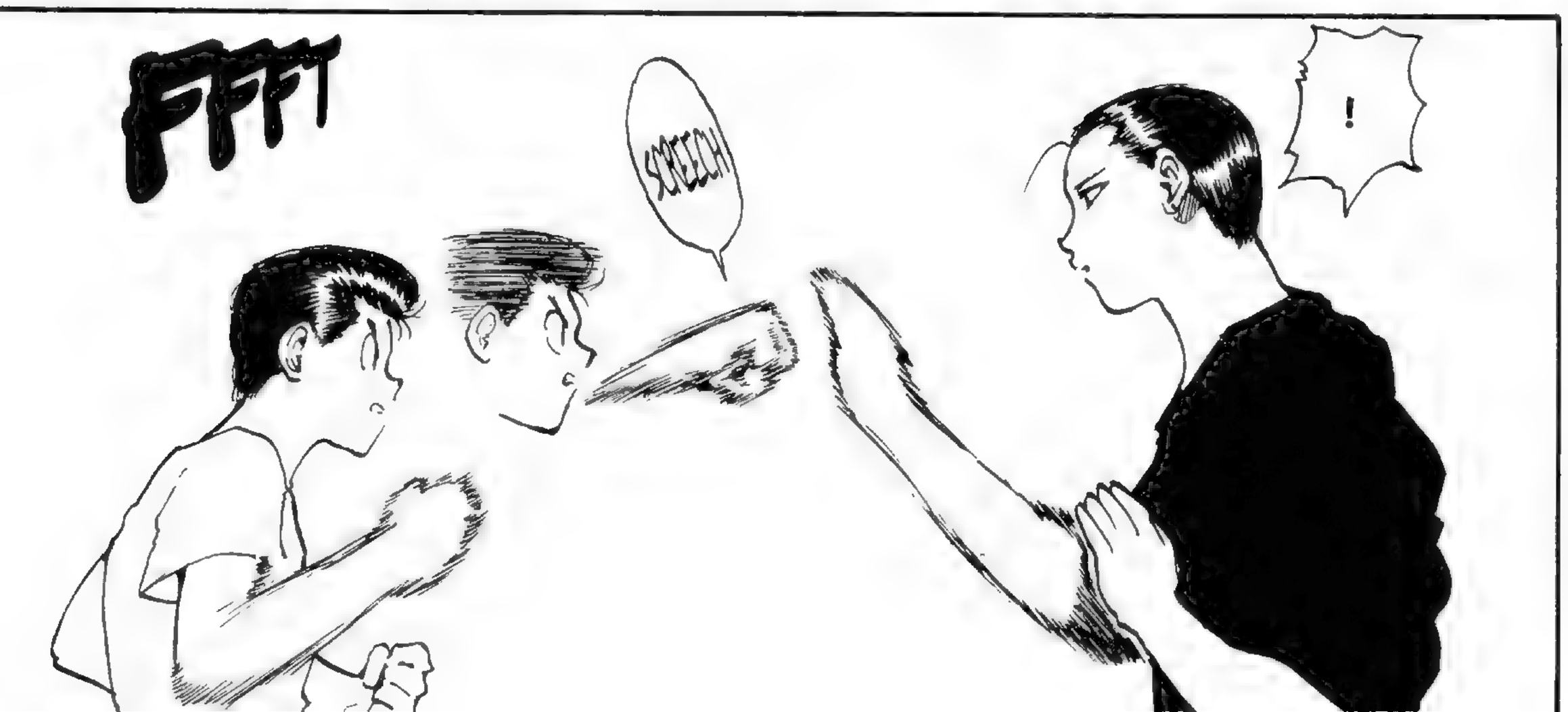
BOTAN AND MITARAI ARE STILL IN THERE!!
WE WEREN'T WHAT HE WAS AIMING AT!
IT WENT RIGHT INTO OUR APARTMENT!
!!
HEY! HE'S TRASHED MY ROOM!

GENKAI, KOENMA! GO HELP THE OTHERS!!
SHHHK
SENSUI'S MINE!!
KATHAM!

NICE TO BE WANTED.

I AM, EH?

SHUT UP! I'M SERIOUS!



SQUIK

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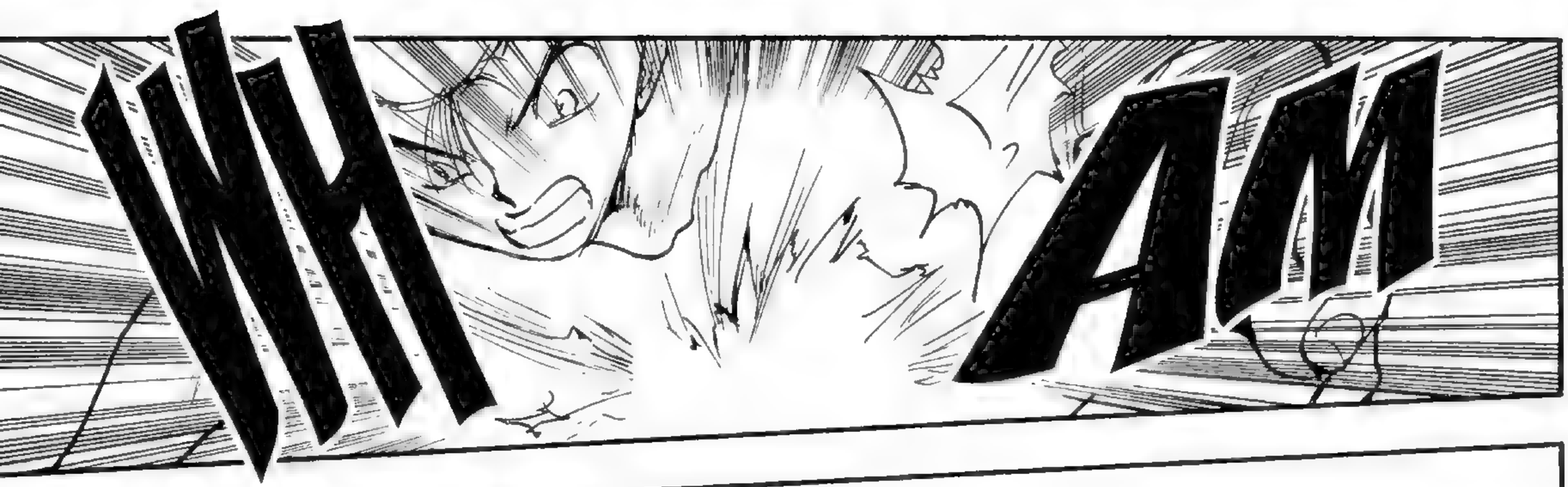
HE FEINTED.

PRETTY CLEVER, FOR A SIMPLETON.

CAN HE SEE MY FISTS COMING AT HIM?!

HUH...

SWAP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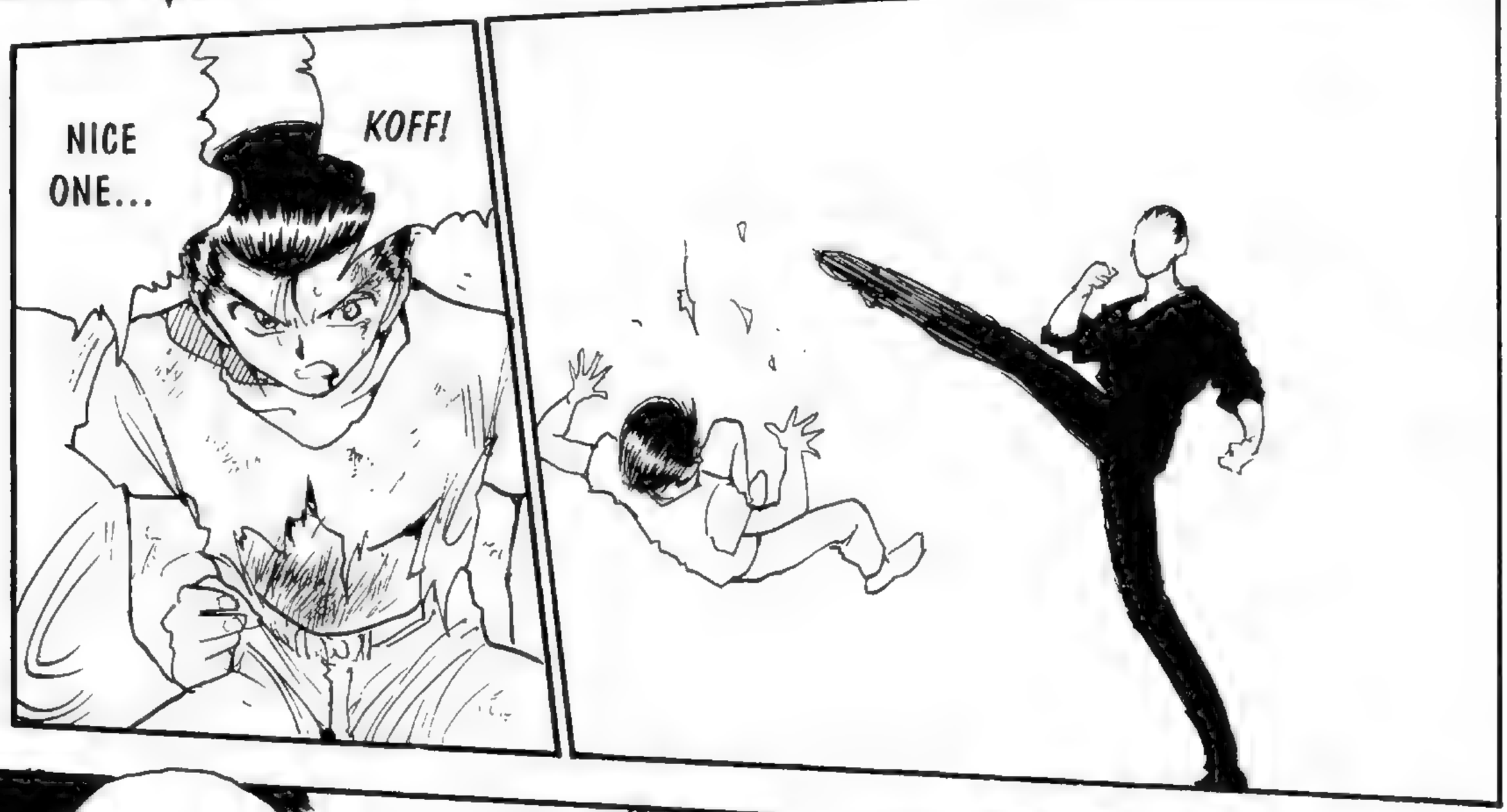

NICE ONE...
KOFF!

YOU NEED TO BRUSH UP ON THE BASICS.
YOUR MOVES ARE QUITE PERFUNCTORY.

THEN TRY ME!!

AND I'M BETTER THAN EVER!

I'M BACK!

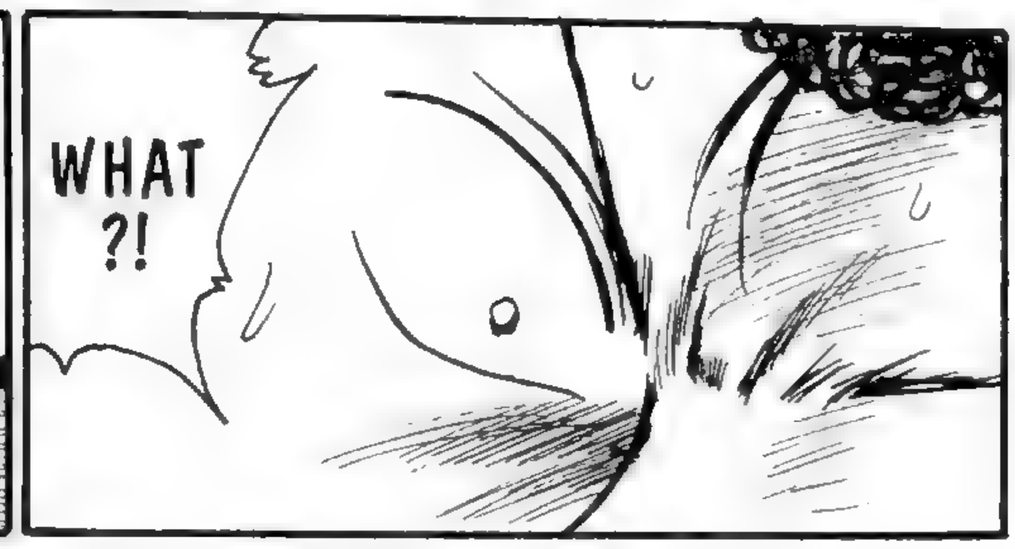
THIS'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EVALUATE HIM.

HEH...

ZR EEN

WHAT GIVES?!
HUH?!
GUESS HE CAN'T YET SUMMON HIS NEW ONE AT WILL.
THIS LOOKS LIKE MY OLD SWORD!!
NEVER MIND! HYAAH!!
FWOOSH

EVEN SWORDS ARE USELESS!!


WHAT ?!

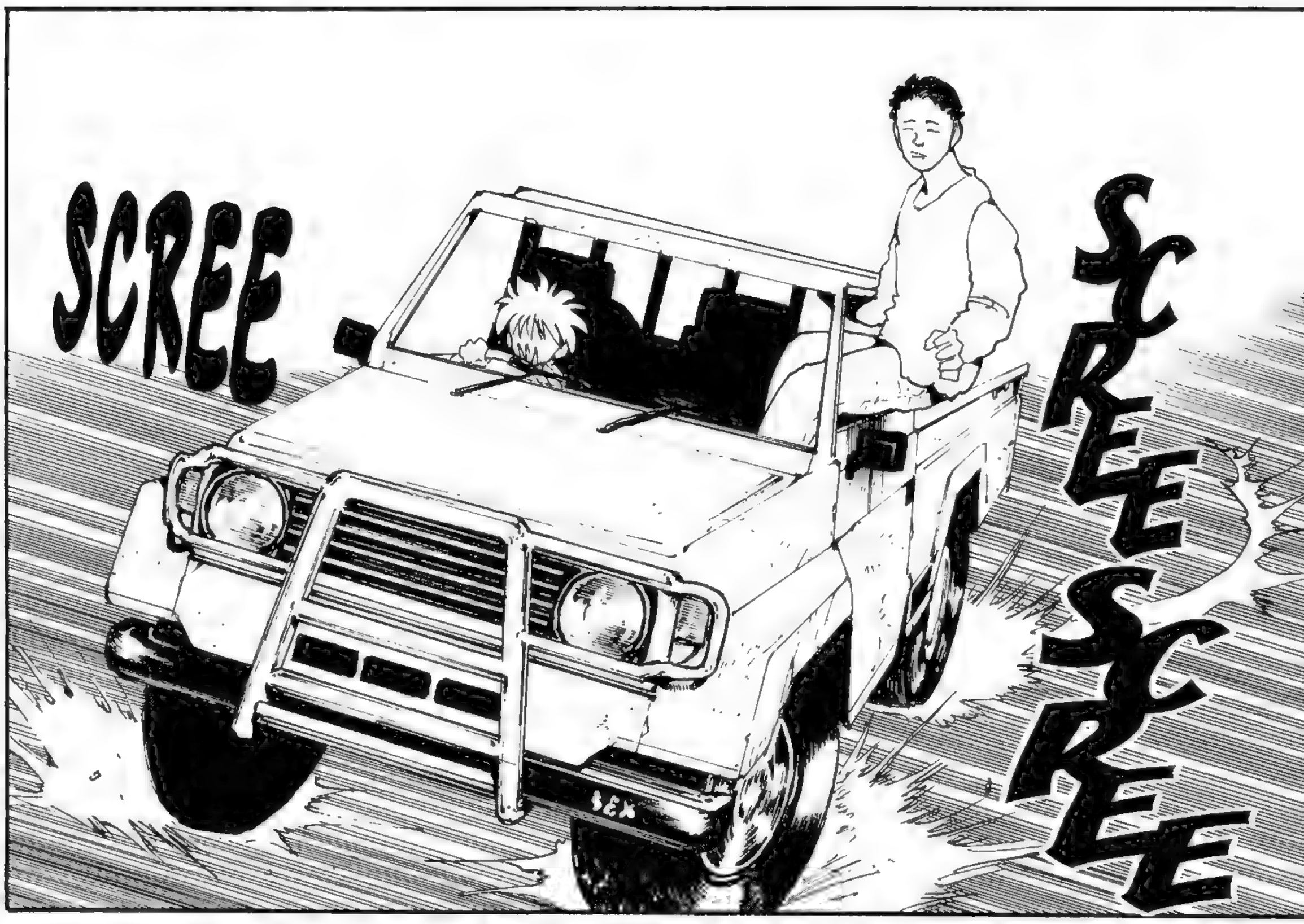
GRUNT!
WHACK

SMAP!

!

MY ROSE WHIP OUGHT TO COUNTER HIS KICKS!!
SENSUI CAN'T BE ATTACKED STRAIGHT ON.

SCREEECH
!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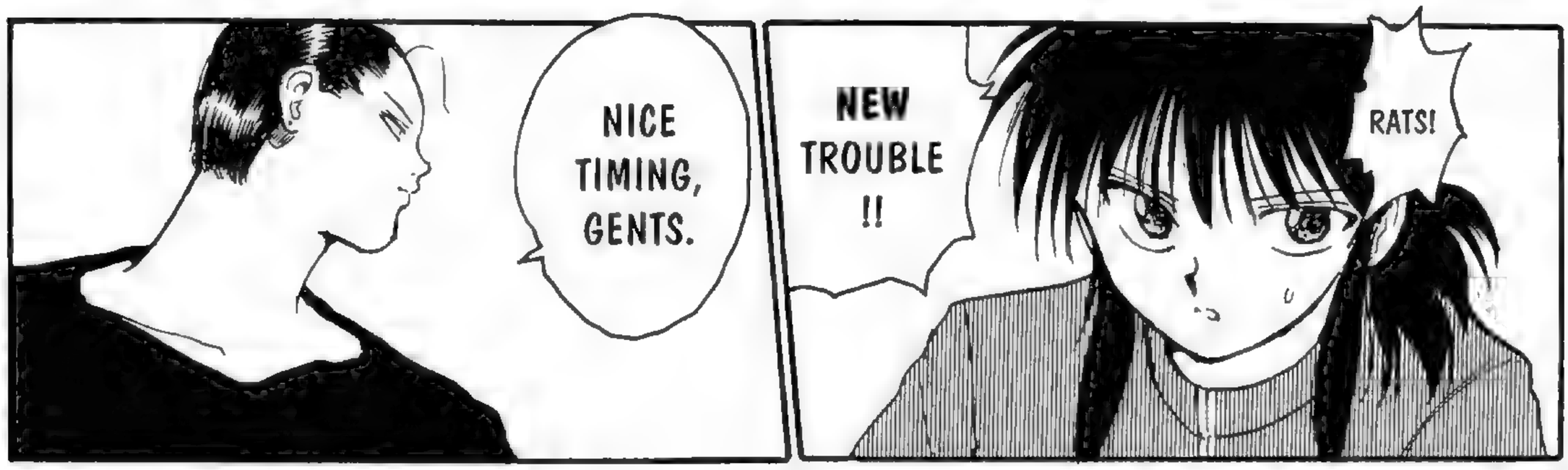
SCREEEEEEE


NICE TIMING, GENTS.
NEW TROUBLE !!
RATS!

VROOM
NYAWP
HUH?!

KUWABARA!!
HEY! THAT'S ONE OF OLDER TOGURO'S TRICKS!!

HURF!
LEMME GO!!
SCREECH
WHAP
NOT FOR ME IT AIN'T!!
TOO FAR AWAY!

BB

AM

IDIOT! IDIOT! IDIOT!!

FULL-FORCE? IT'LL DESTROY THE TRUCK AND KUWABARA!!

Aw man!

Sorry to be blunt.

He's rather calm.

RRRRUMMBLE

THAT WAS A FULL-FORCE BLAST!!

ACK! WHAT'VE I DONE?!

RRROARRR
BOOM
POOF
POW

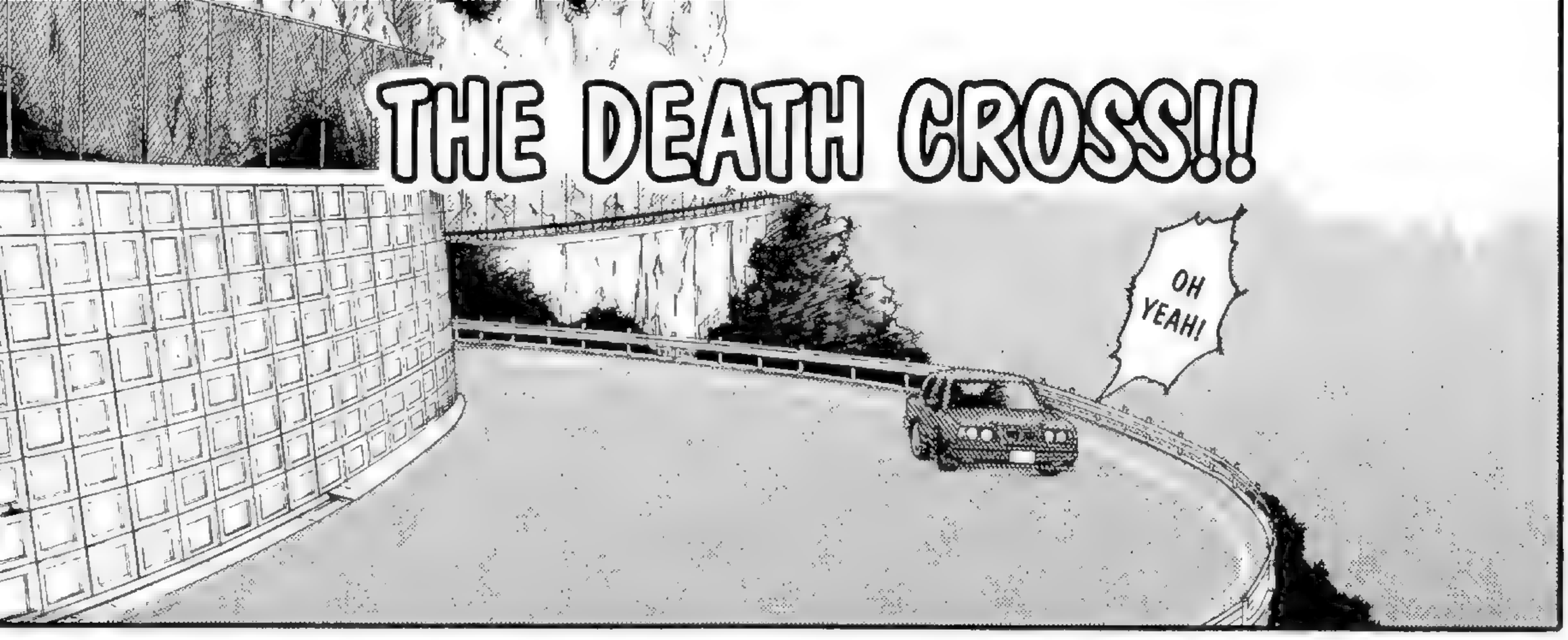
BA
KOOM!
Huh?!
?!
CAN'T BE! I MUST NOT HAVE USED FULL POWER AFTER ALL!
HE COUNTERED MY REIGUN WITH HIS LITTLE ENERGY SPHERE?!

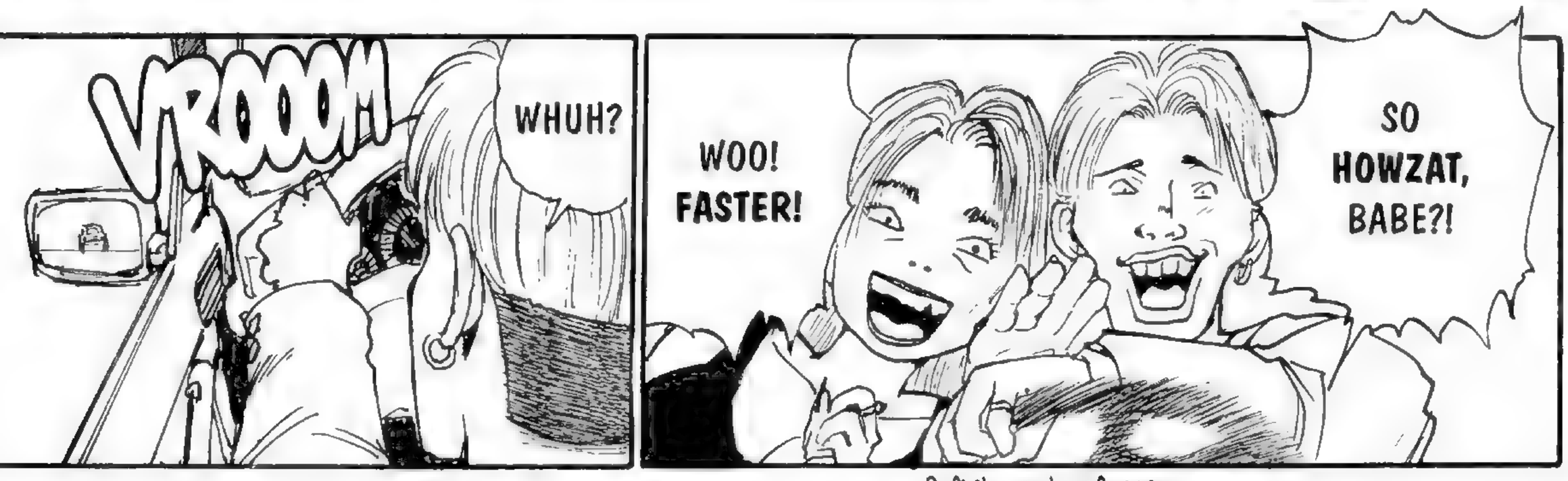
GRARR
SNAR

TaTa

I'LL SHOW 'IM!!

KRAKA
YUSUKE, WAIT!!
DON'T BE A FOOL!! COME BACK!!





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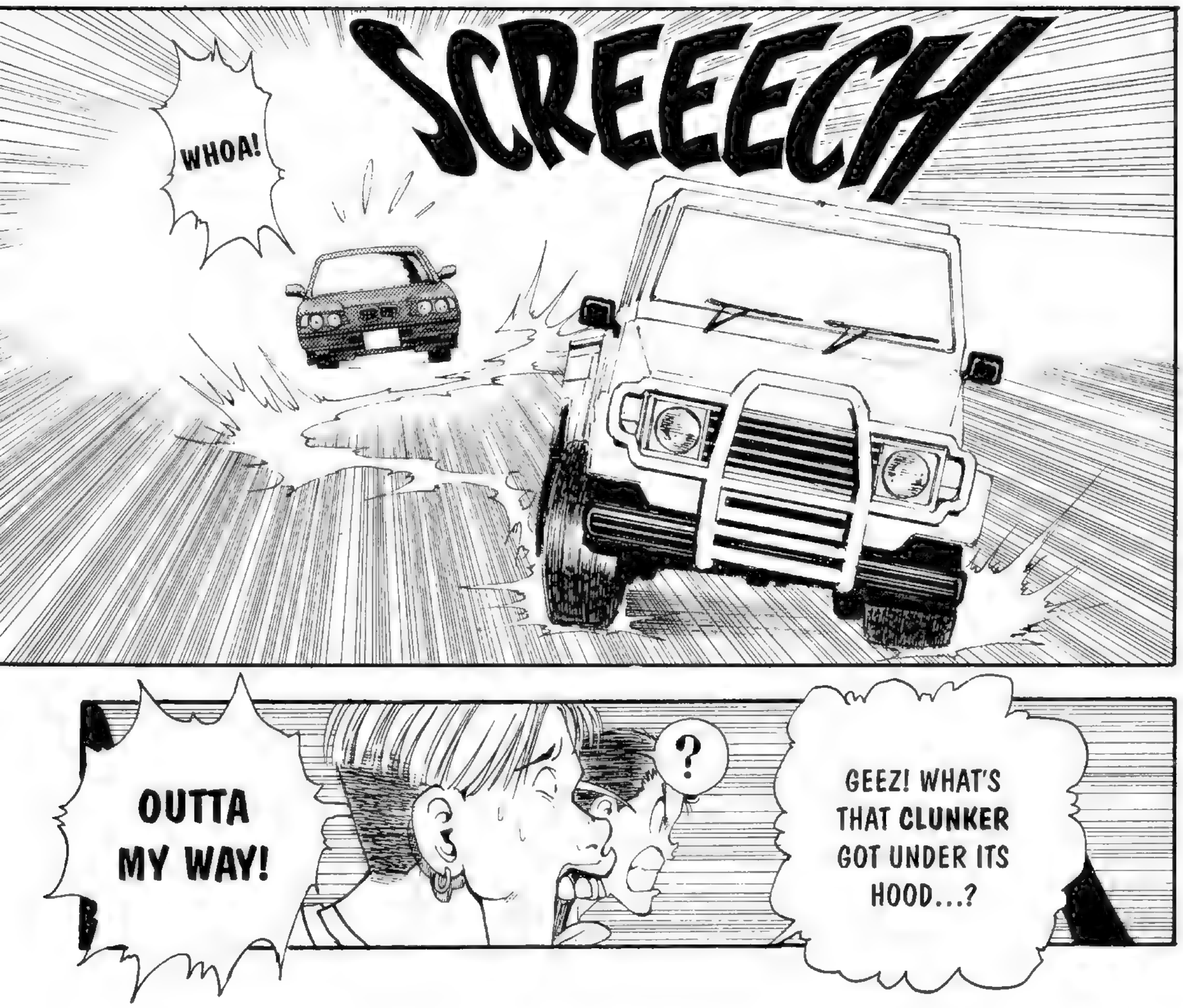


KRRAAA

SCREEE

SHOULD I STOP HIM?

HE'S FOLLOWING ...ON A BICYCLE!

I'M SEEIN' THINGS!

GULP

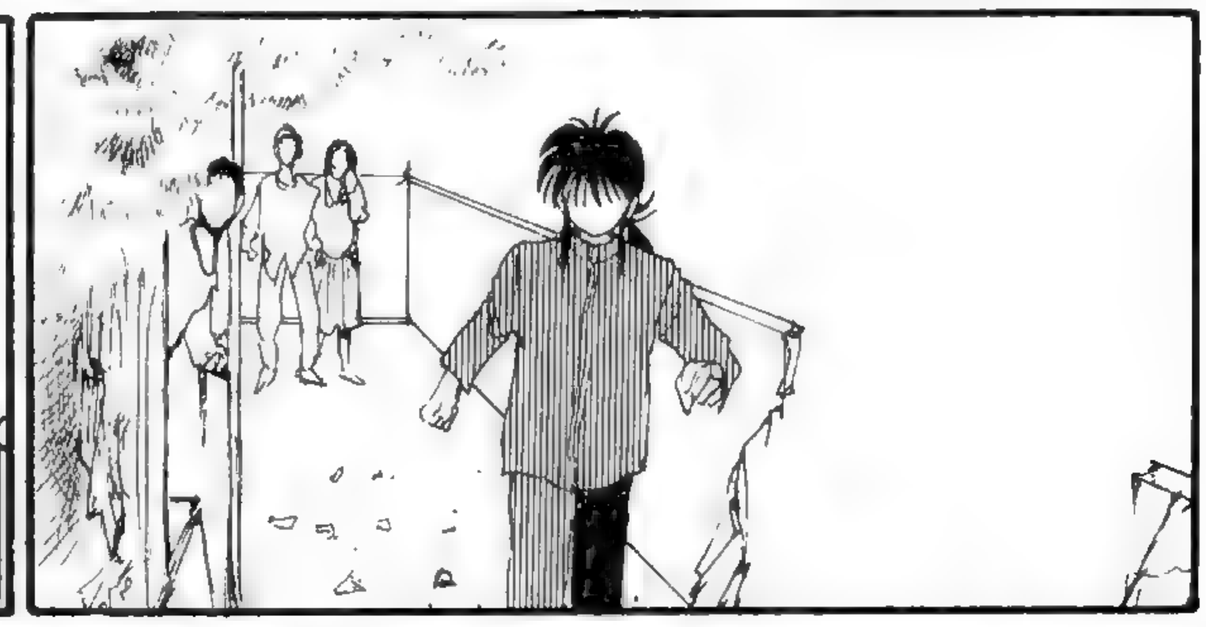
WE'VE GOT WHAT WE WANT.

DON'T BOTHER.

THE DEATH CROSS!!

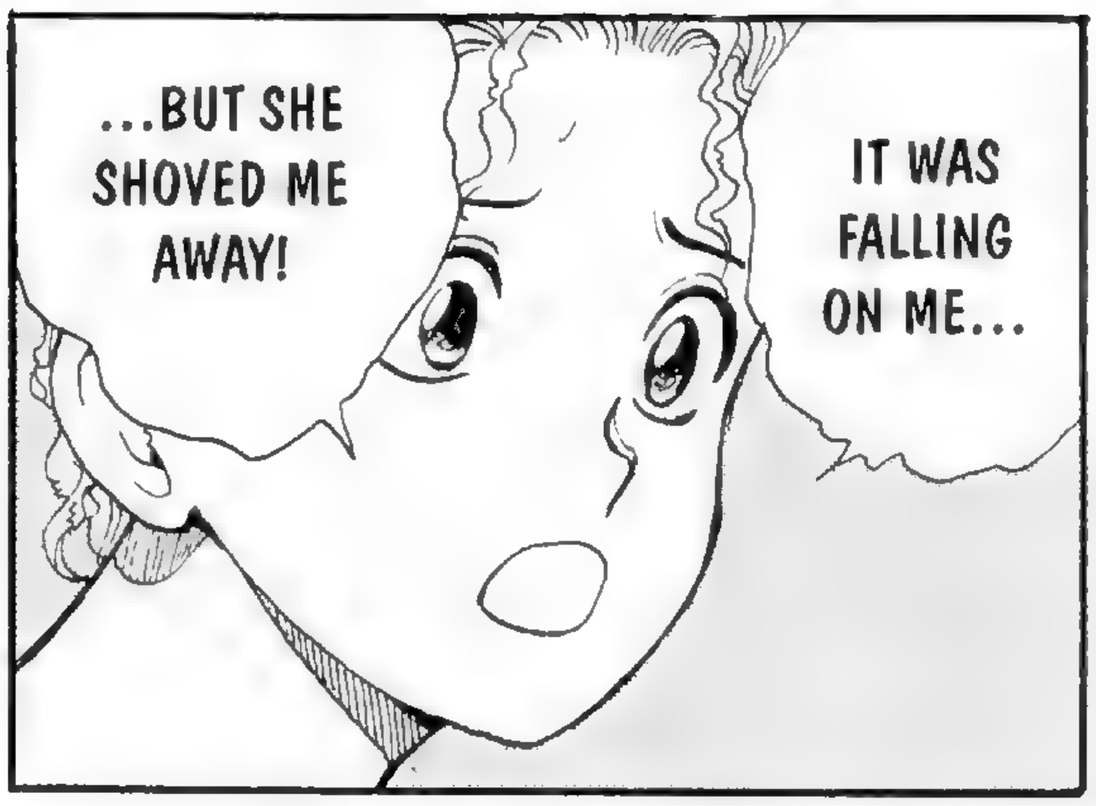
A GAS EXPLOSION ?!

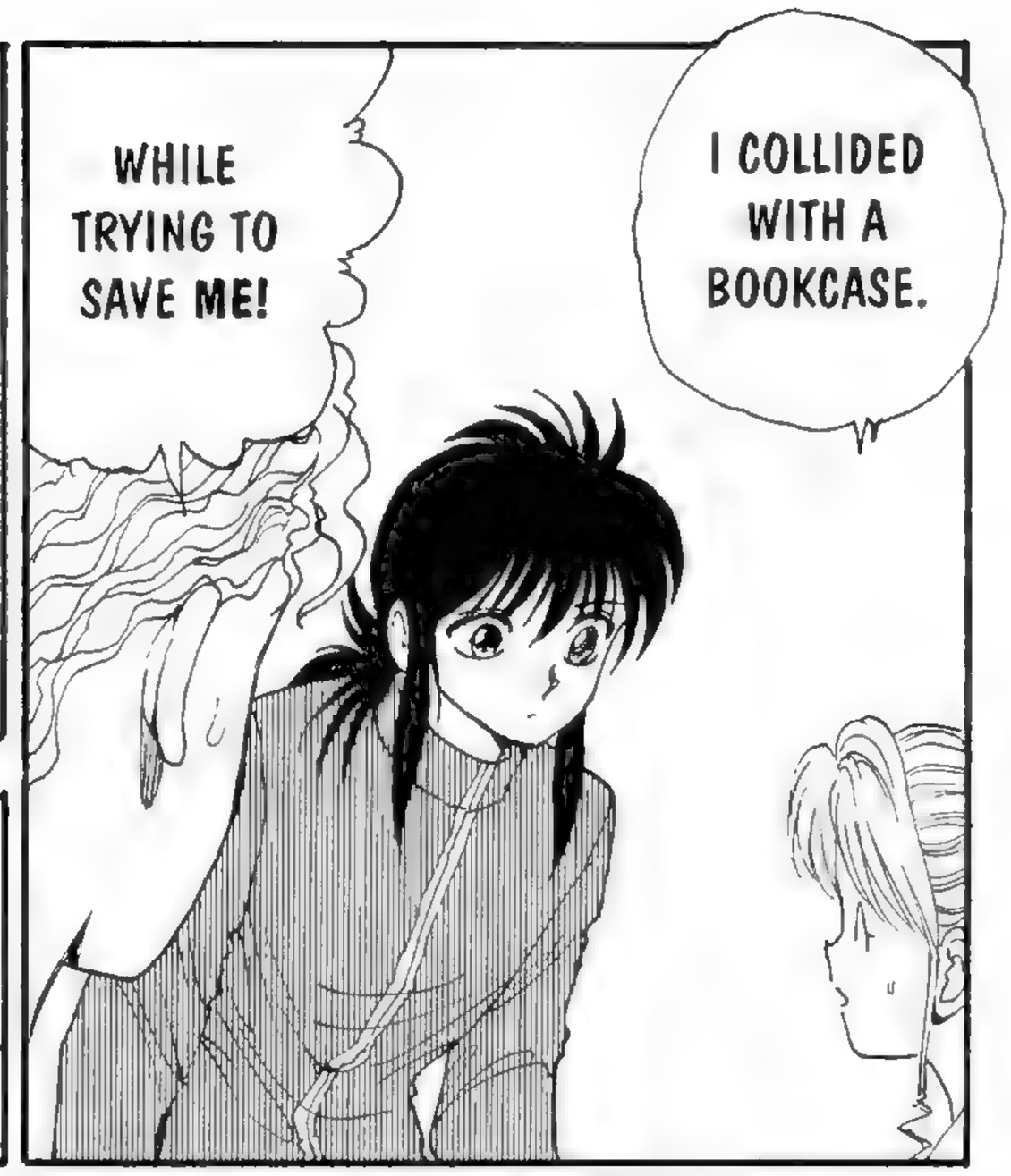
WHAT WAS THAT?



BOTAN WRENCHED HER BACK A BIT.

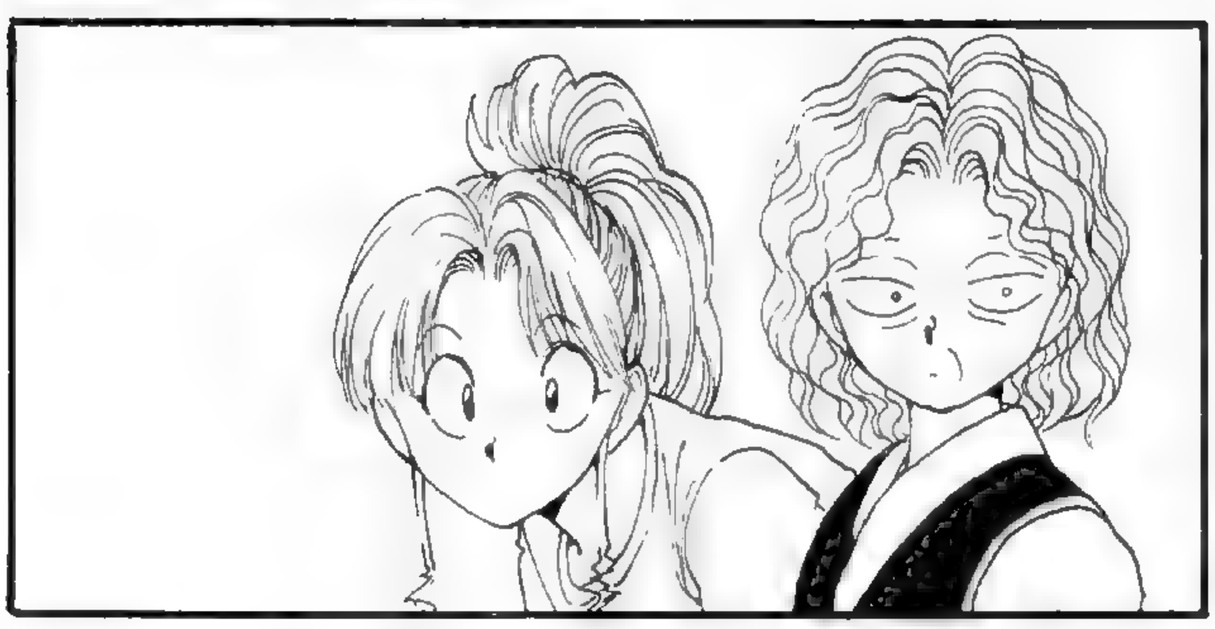
NO CASUALTIES, KURAMA.

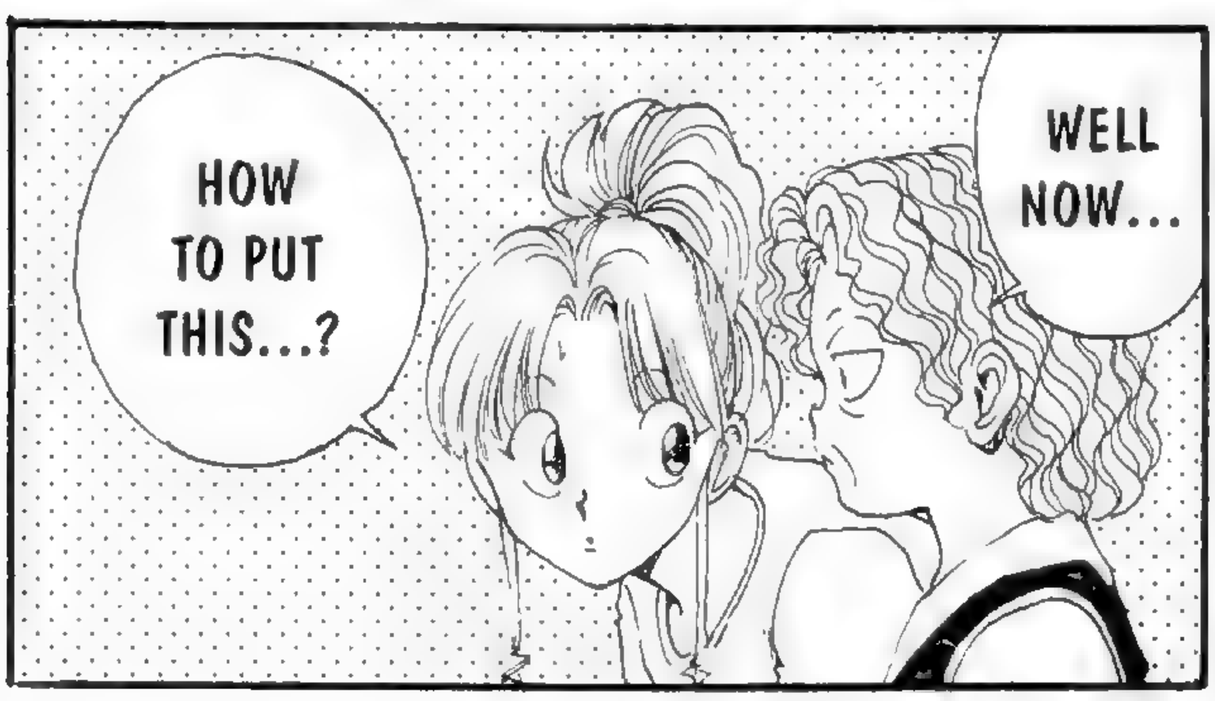

...BUT SHE SHOVED ME AWAY!
IT WAS FALLING ON ME...


WHILE TRYING TO SAVE ME!
I COLLIDED WITH A BOOKCASE.

YUP.
SHE'S A TOUGH COOKIE.

BOTH SHE AND KUWABARA...
WHY...?




HOW TO PUT THIS...?
WELL NOW...

I'M YOUR ENEMY!!
WHY DID YOU DO IT?!

...THEN, THAT BOOKCASE FALLING OVER...
WOBBLE
FIRST, AN EXPLOSION...

IT WAS REFLEX, REALLY.
HURF!!

YEAH... HEH...NO NEED TO TAKE WHAT I DID SO SERIOUSLY.
YOU SEE NOW?

...BY WHAT YOU SAW IN THE BLACK CHAPTER. IT'S HARDLY THE WHOLE STORY.
IF EVERYONE WERE LIKE THAT, I WOULD'VE GIVEN UP BEING HUMAN LONG AGO.

DON'T TRY TO DEFINE THINGS ONLY...
THAT'S USUALLY HOW IT WORKS.

...AFTER THIS...
...WE WON'T HOLD BACK. THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE.

TAKE WHAT PATH YOU WILL. HOWEVER, IF YOU OPPOSE US...
BUT ENOUGH...WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE.

I SAW. THAT IDIOT BLEW IT.
THEY GOT KUWABARA, I'M AFRAID.

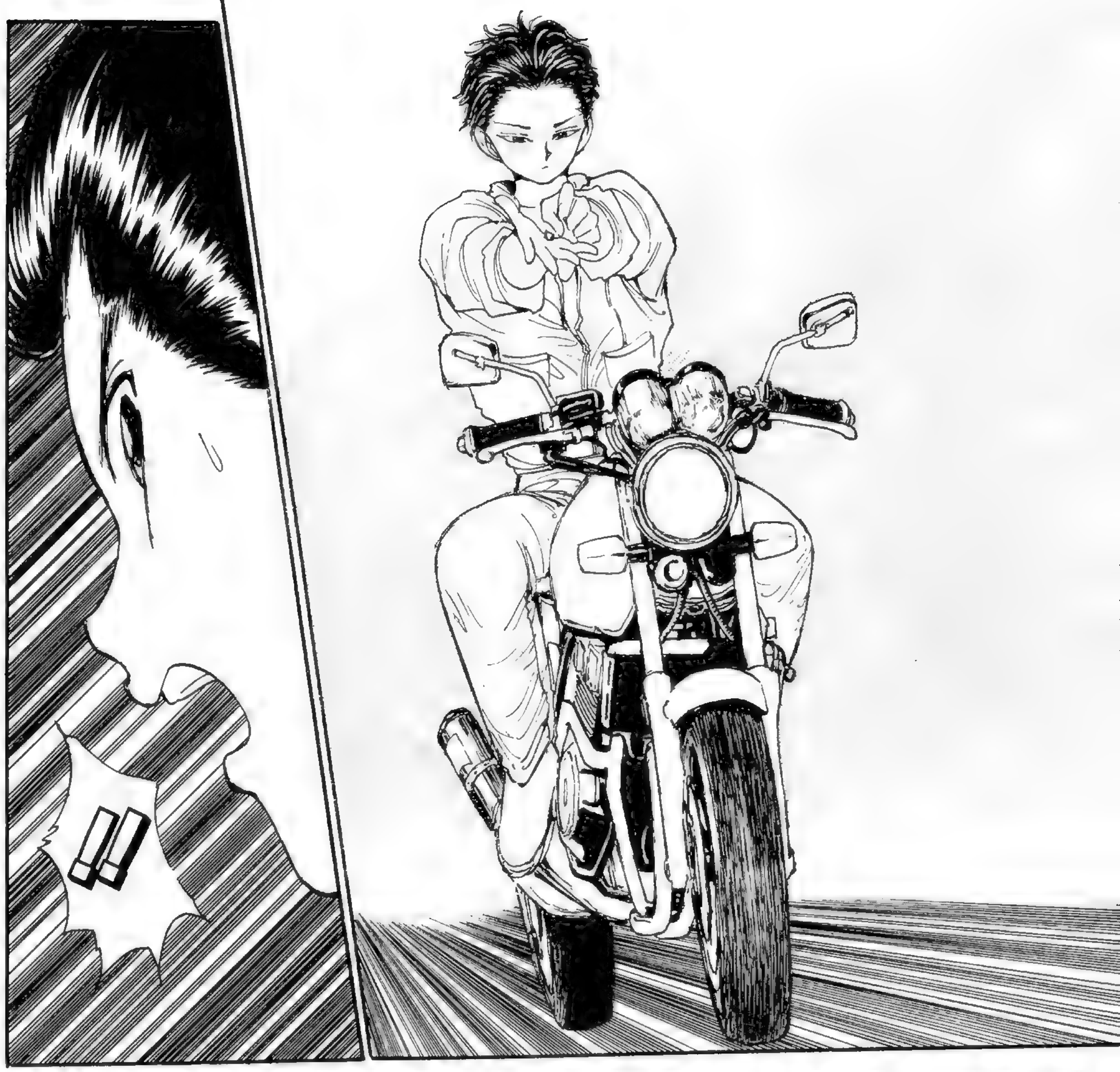
I'LL MAKE UP SOME STORY FOR THE COPS.
C'MON, LET'S TAKE THE FIRE EXIT.

SWUH
WAIT FOR ME!
TUP
YOU BET!

DRO
OOM

RAH!
BIO
LING

HE'LL FOL-LOW US ALL THE WAY TO THE CAVE!
THAT NUT'S STILL WITH US!
HAGIRI'S ON THE MOVE.
NO PROB-LEM.
I'M GONNA CATCH YA!
RAAAGH!!
!
VROOOOOMMMM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TMNC

EH?!

CRACK

SKSSSS

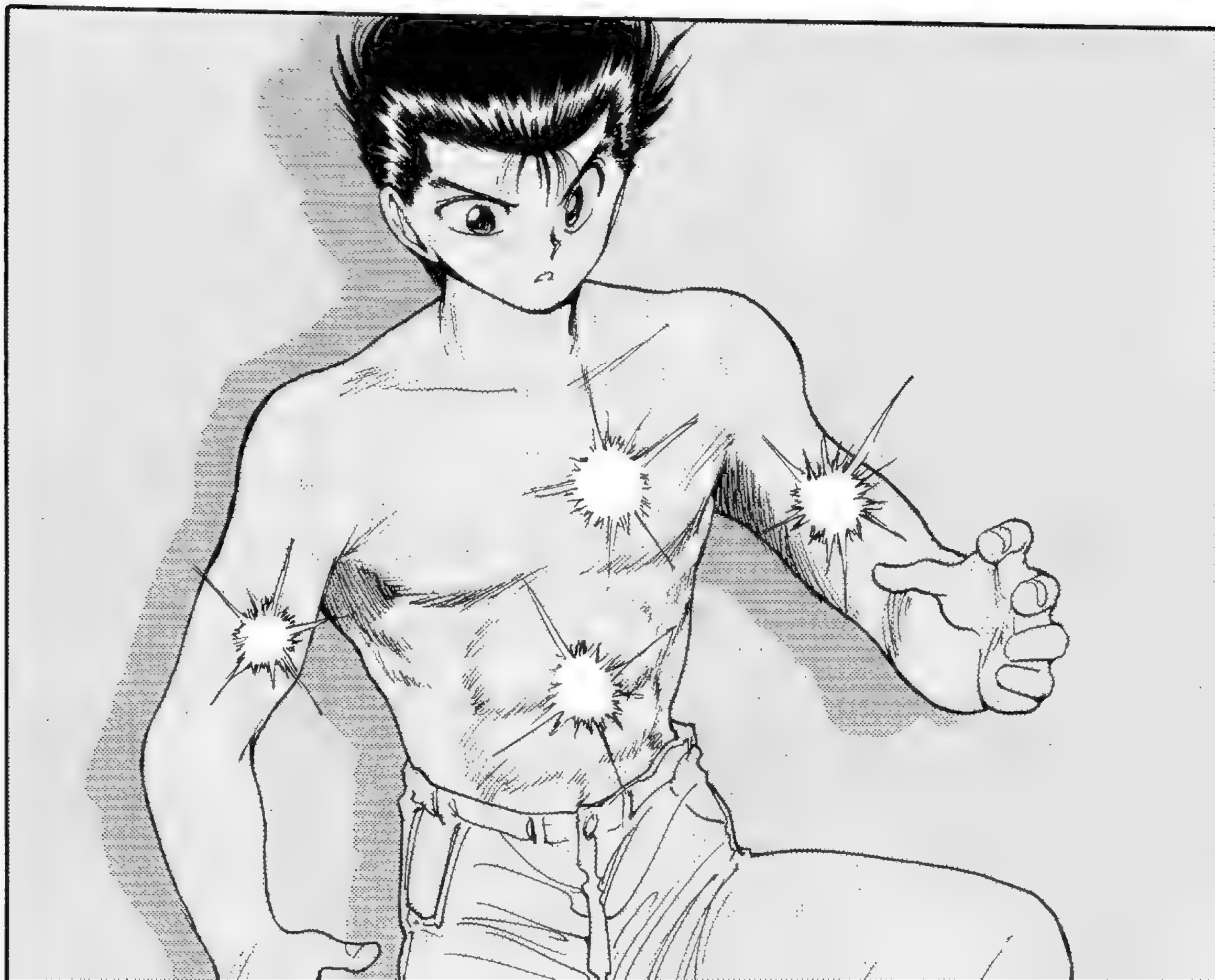
AAGH!

CRASH

!!

THAT HURT!

OW!



RRROOM

SCREEEE

?

?

WHAT'D HE DO TO ME?!

VRRM VRRM VRRM

YOU'RE A MARKED MAN NOW.

DO

I'VE PLACED TARGETS ON YOU...TARGETS I NEVER MISS.

THE DEATH CROSS!

OM

YOOOM

!!

TOTANK

TOTANK

TOTANK

TOTANK

WHOA! WHAT'RE THESE WEIRD MARKS?!

WHAT?!

DADUM

TOSS

THEY ARE LITTLE TARGETS!

FOUR OF 'EM!

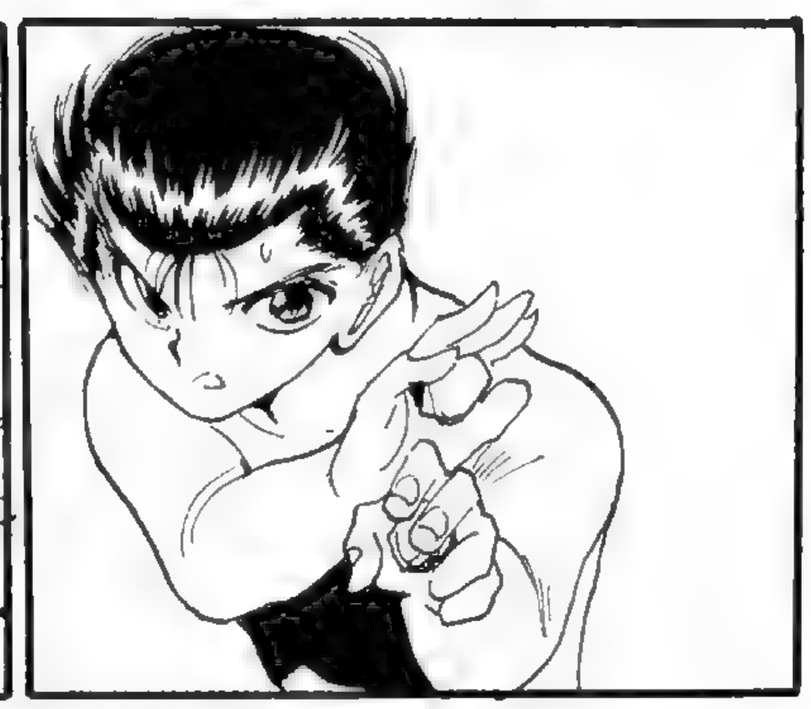
ZUUU

BOOM!!

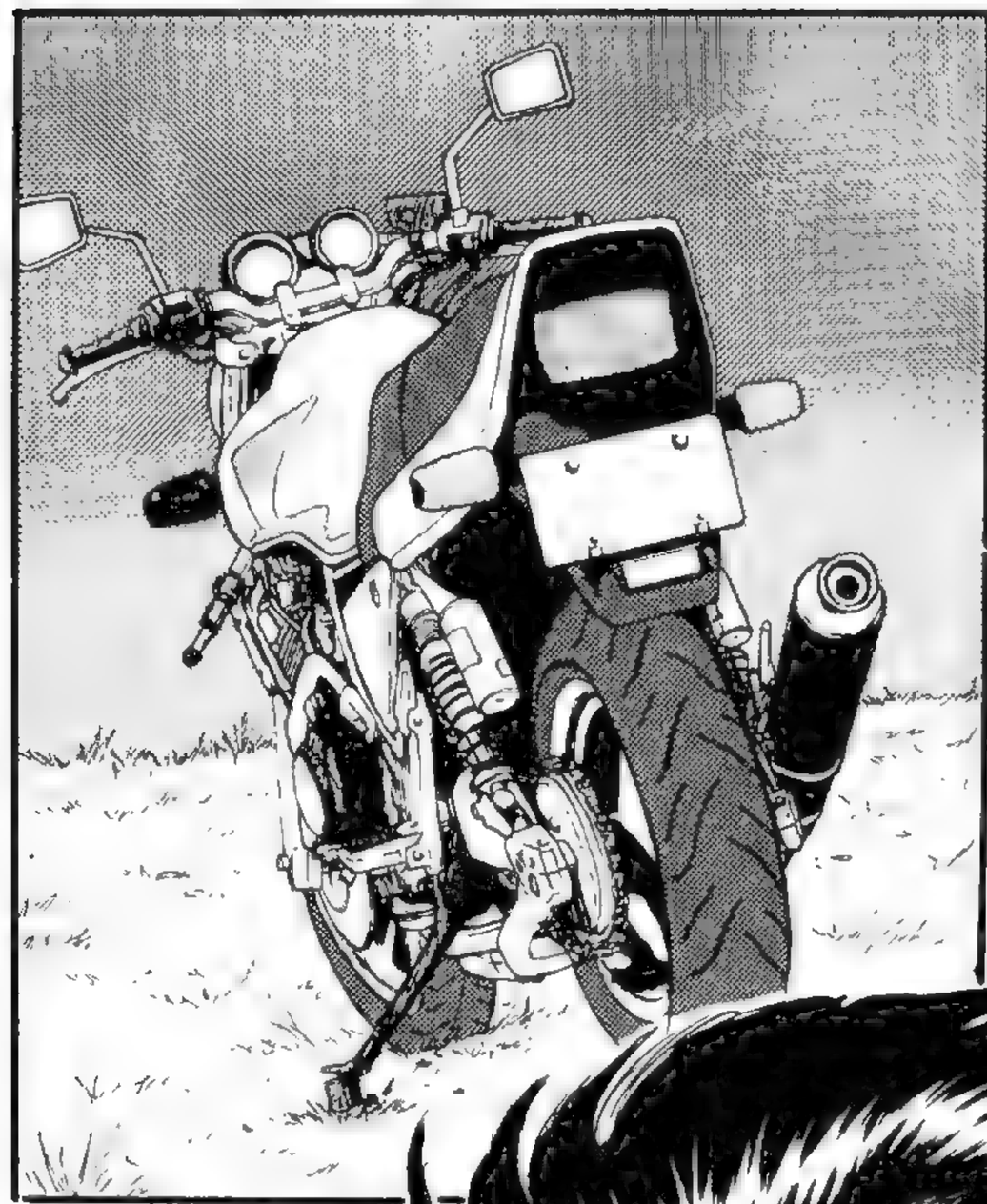
WHACK!

YIKES!

WHACK

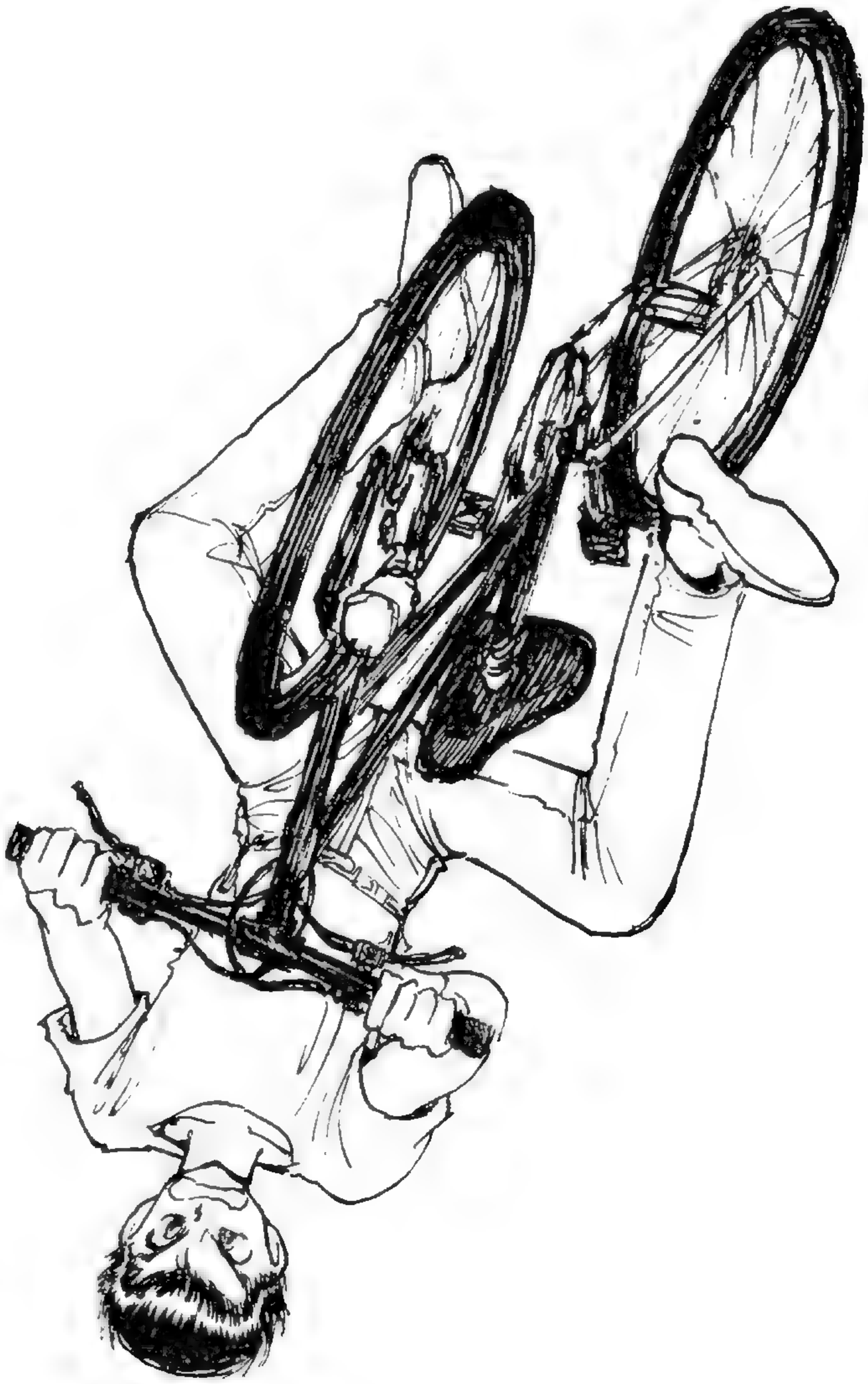


HEY! COME BACK HERE!!
VROOOM

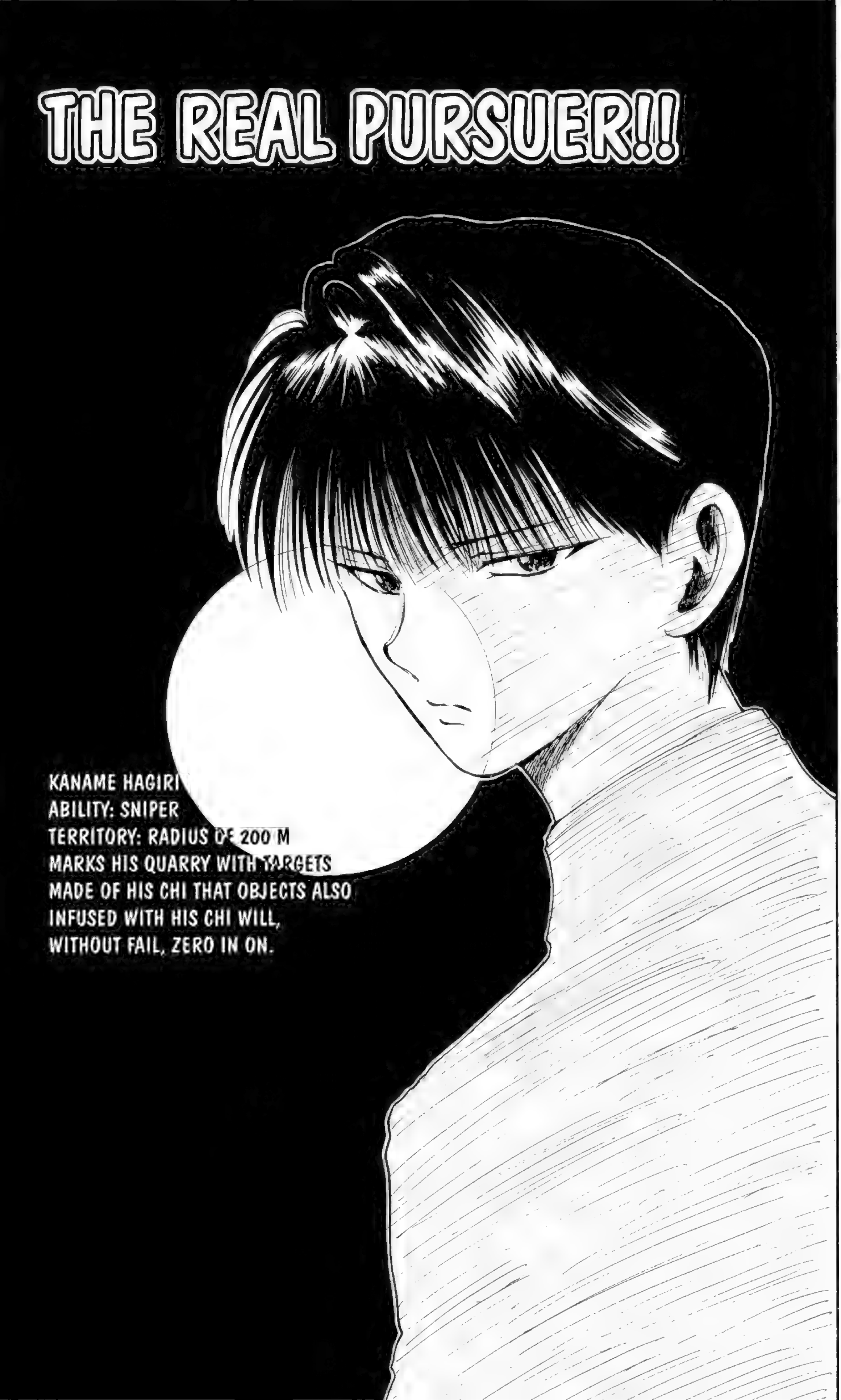


Huff
Huff

WHERE'LL THE NEXT SHOTS COME FROM?!
WHERE'D HE GO?!



THE REAL PURSUER!!



Huff
Huff
WHERE'LL THE NEXT SHOTS COME FROM?!
WHERE IS HE?!

ZEEOOO

!!

A WHOLE SALVO!

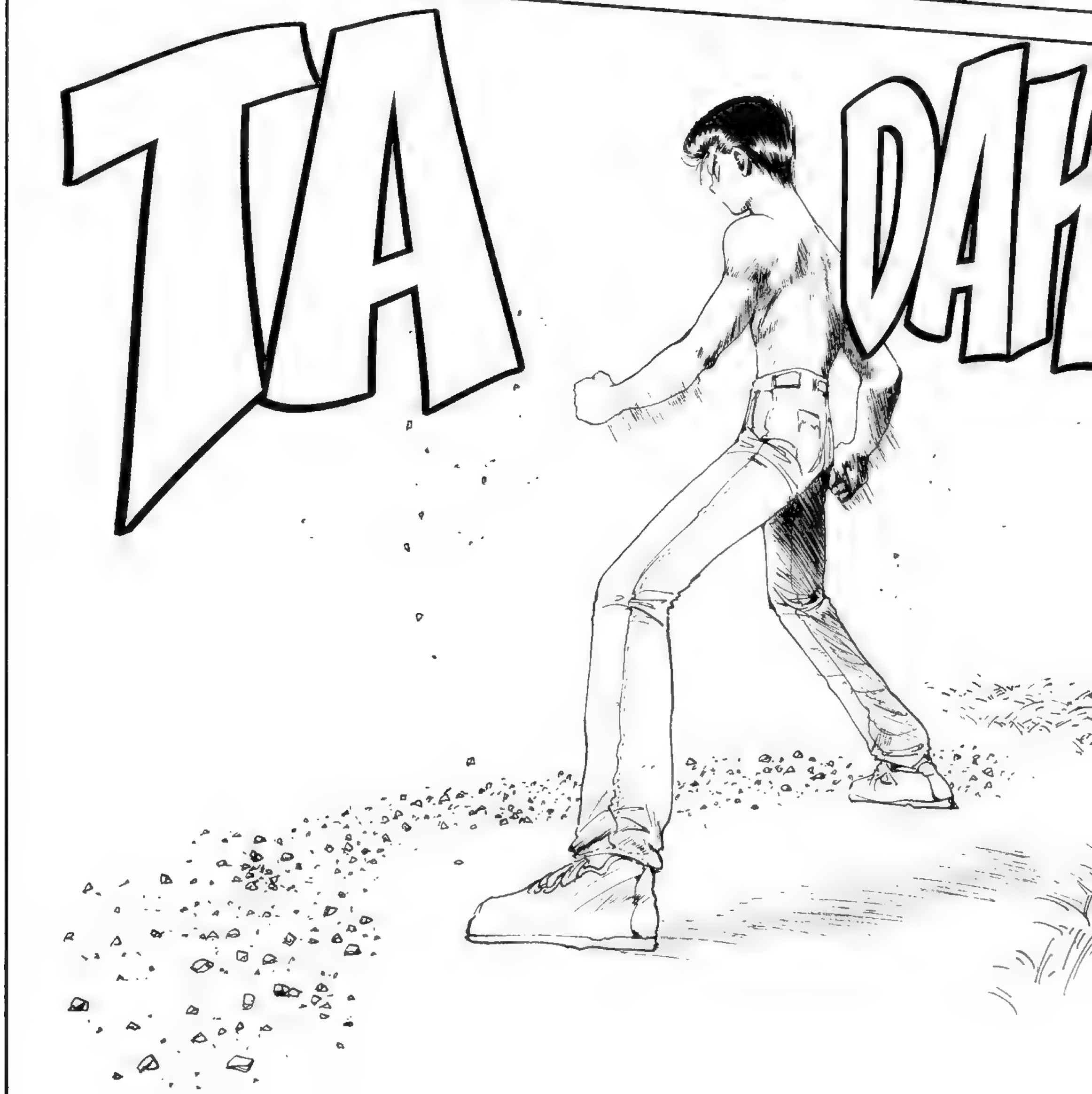
ZEEEOOOM

FINE!!

I'LL SWAT 'EM ALL!

SHK

WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK


TA
DA

SEE? NOT AS EASY AS YOU THOUGHT!

Shooom

I'LL JUST FEND THESE OFF...

IT'S FUTILE!

SECOND SALVO, EH?

Glint

HM?

HOLY MACKEREL! HE PICKS SOME FIERCE AMMO!

THOSE... AREN'T ROCKS.

SHOOM

AND THERE'S SO MANY!! ONE HIT WILL NAIL ME!

KNIVES INFUSED WITH HIS CHI!!

GOTTA DO A—

NO WAY I CAN SWAT THEM ALL!!

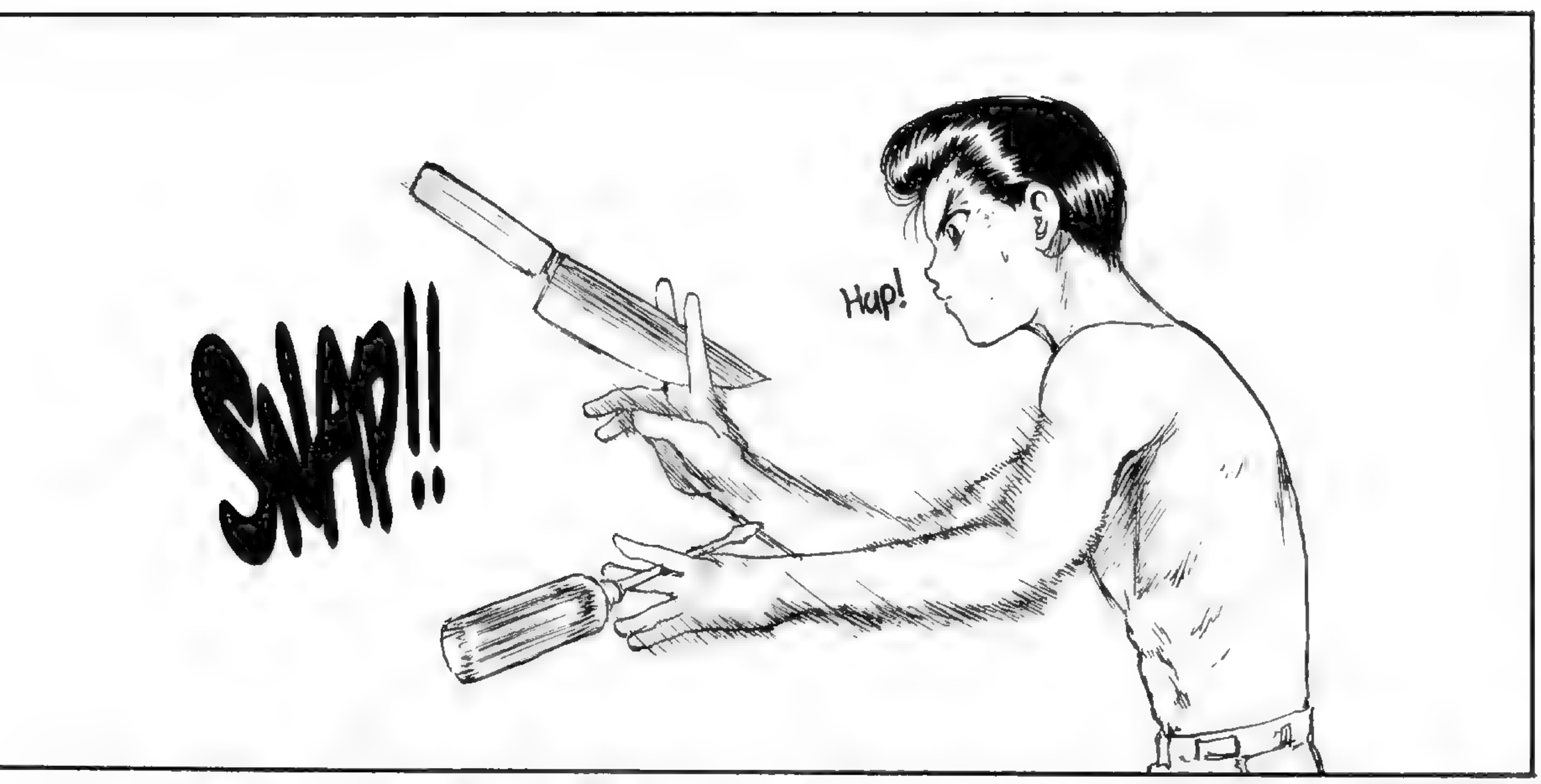
—SHOTGUN!!

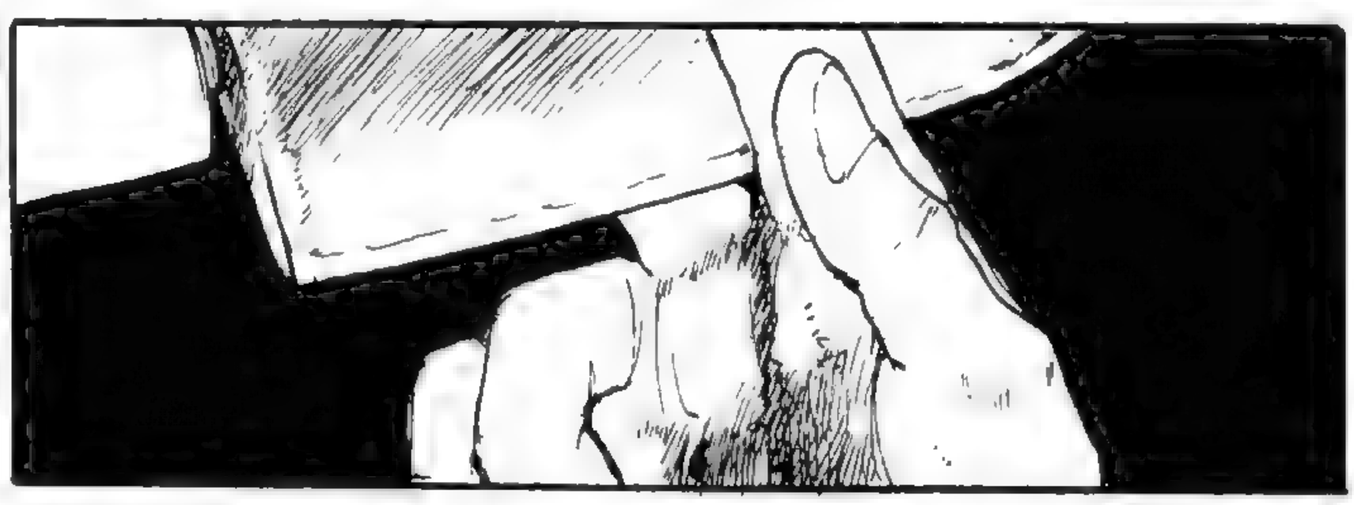
I MISSED TWO!

FFFT

FFFT

ZWOOP
FFFT
UNH!
THEY CHANGE COURSE, HOMING ON THESE TARGETS!!
THAT FIGURES !!
fff





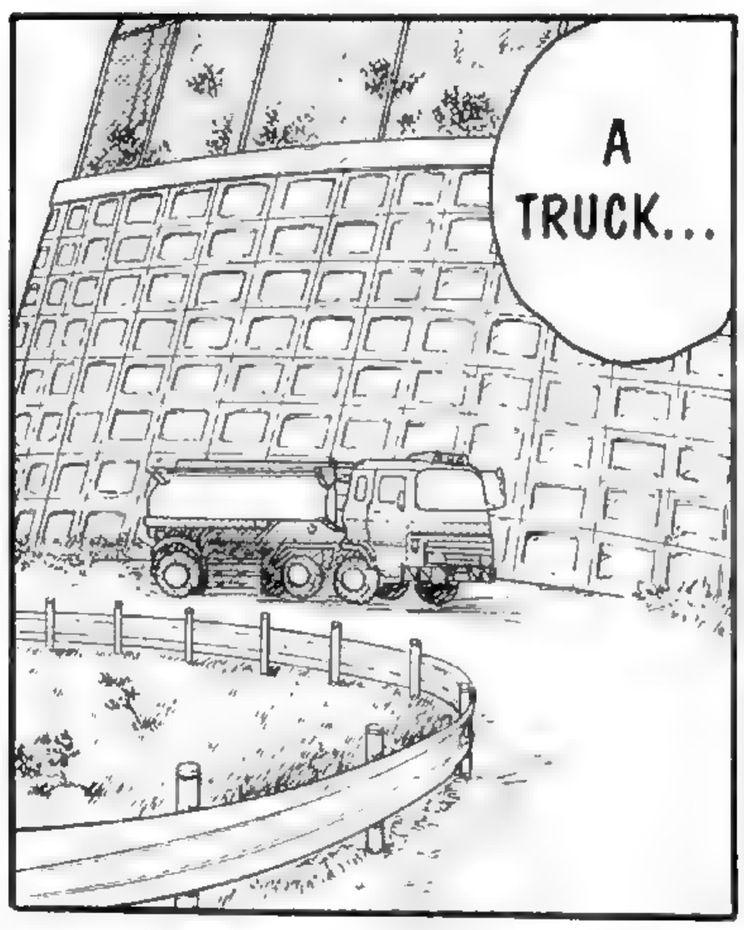
DUNNO WHAT THAT LIMIT IS, BUT I CAN DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF HIS "SHOTS"...

...SO I SHOULD BE ABLE TO **COUNTER-ATTACK** EVENTUALLY!!

HE'LL **ATTACK ME** AGAIN AND AGAIN FROM A SAFE DISTANCE AND **WEAR ME DOWN!**

BUT HE CAN'T ATTACK FROM BEYOND THE **LIMIT** OF HIS TERRITORY, OR THE **TARGETS WON'T WORK!**

HE AIMS TO KEEP ME **JUMPING!**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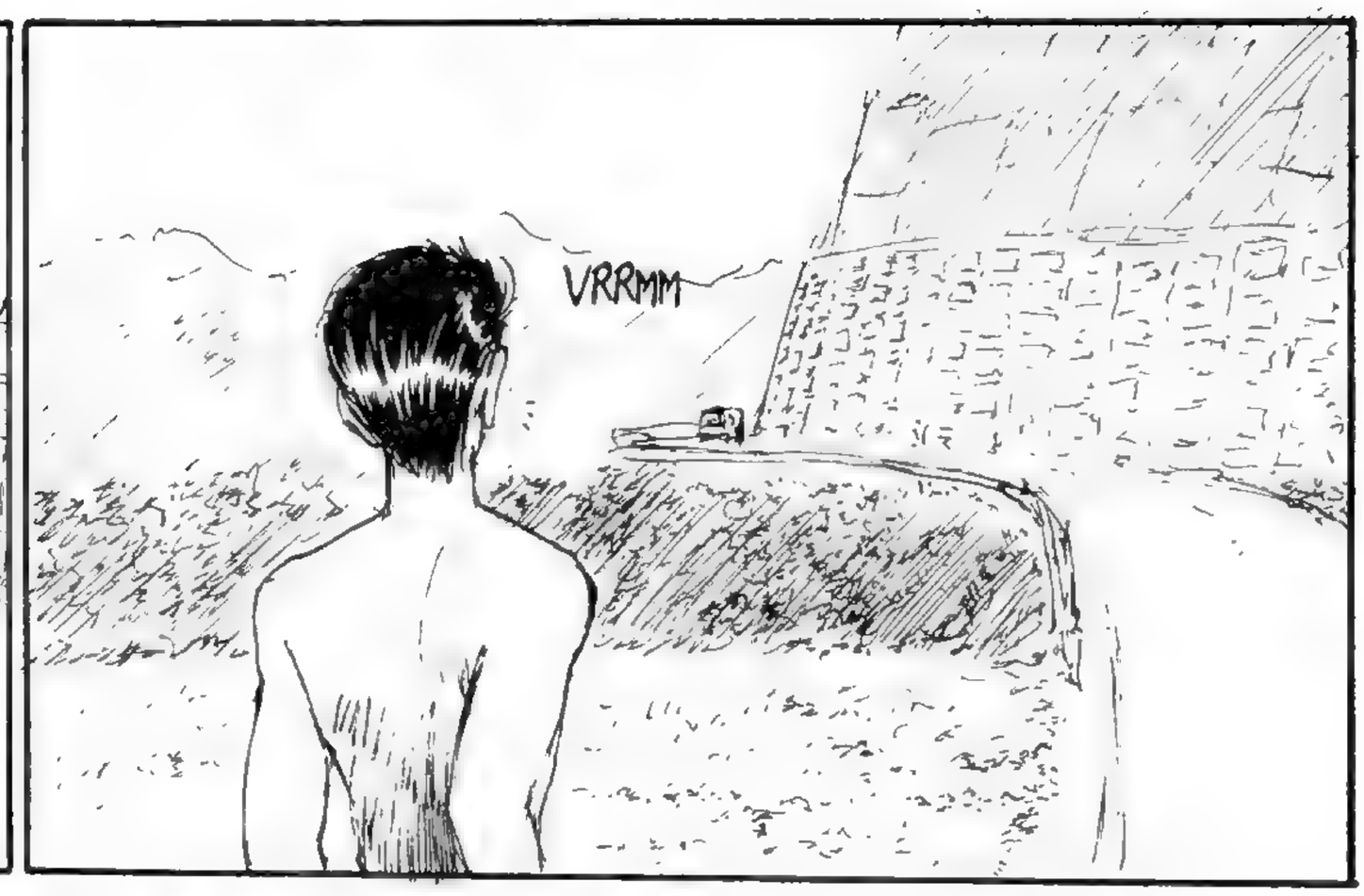
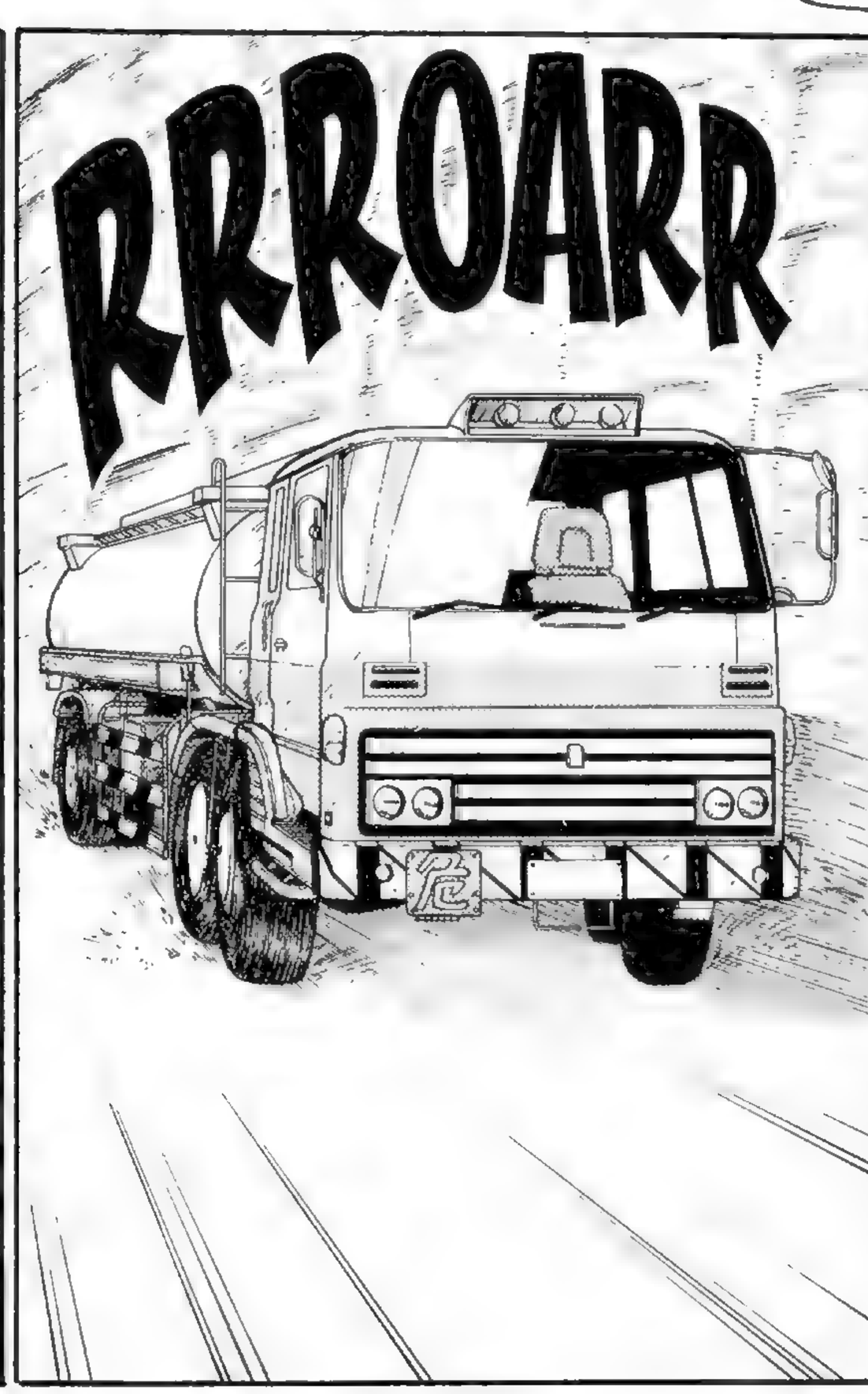

VRRMM

...TAKE ME BEYOND HIS REACH FOR A WHILE.
IF I HITCHED A RIDE, THAT MIGHT...

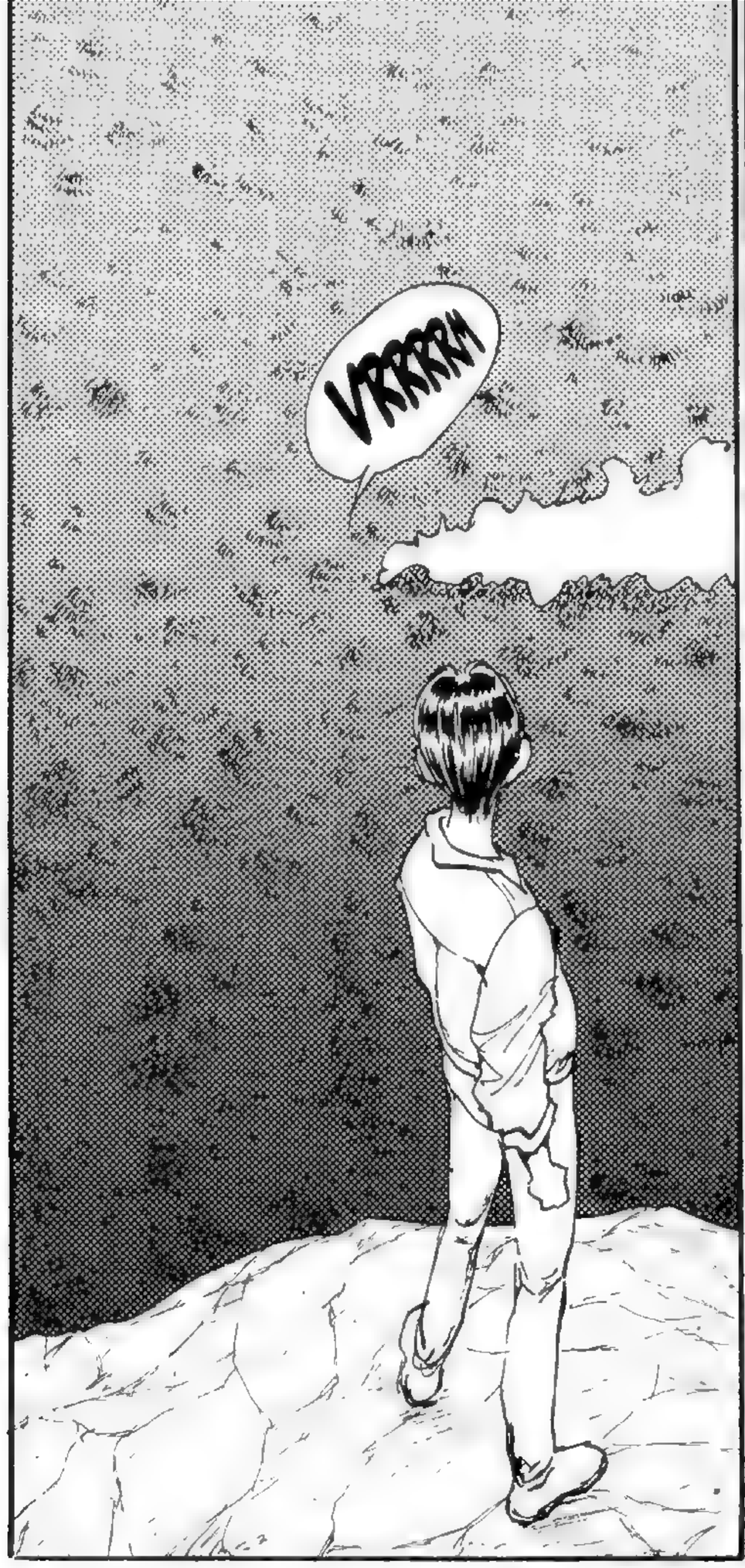
HUH?! THERE'S NO DRIVER -!!


RRROARR

...DON'T TELL ME HE'S—

OMIGOSH...

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!!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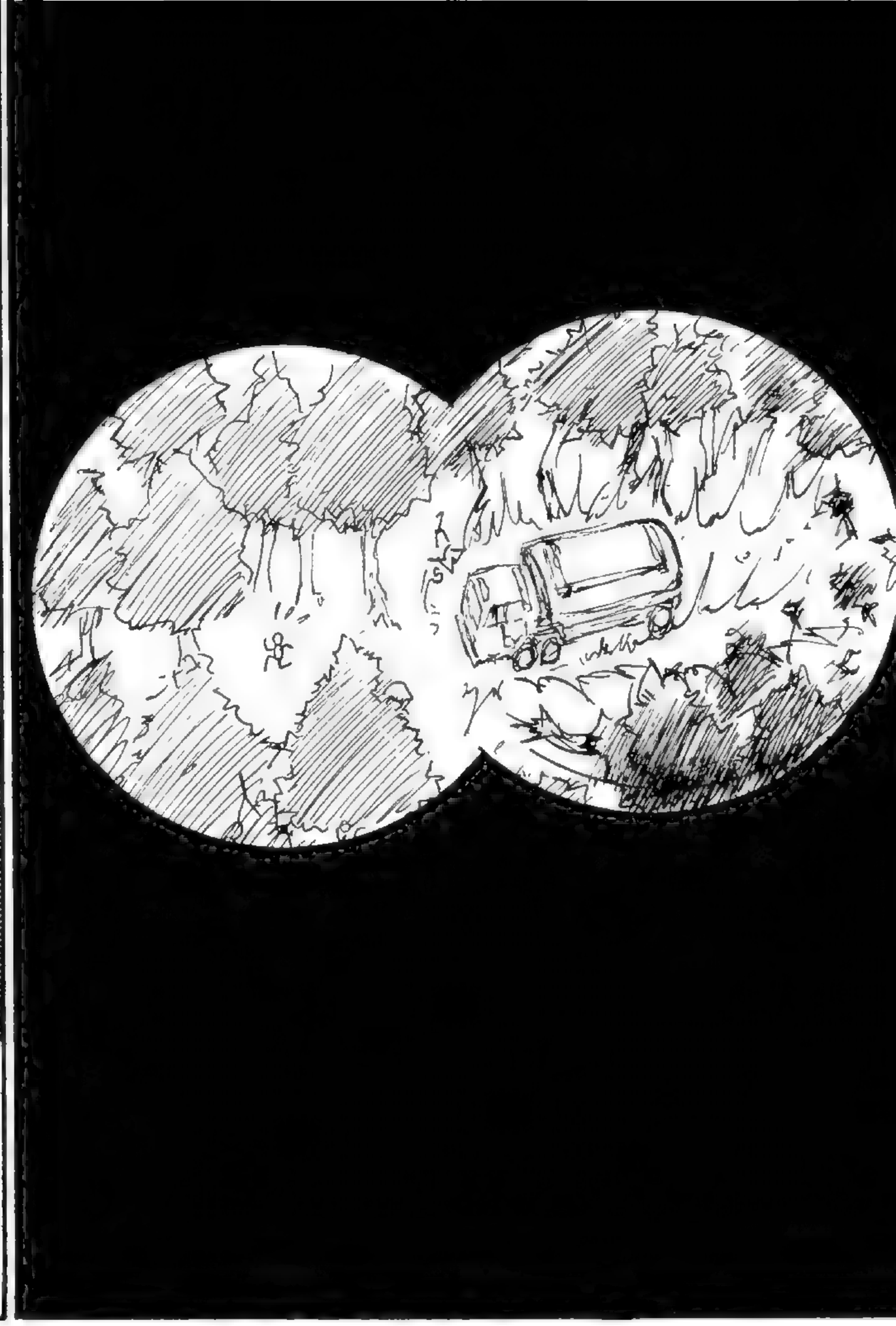
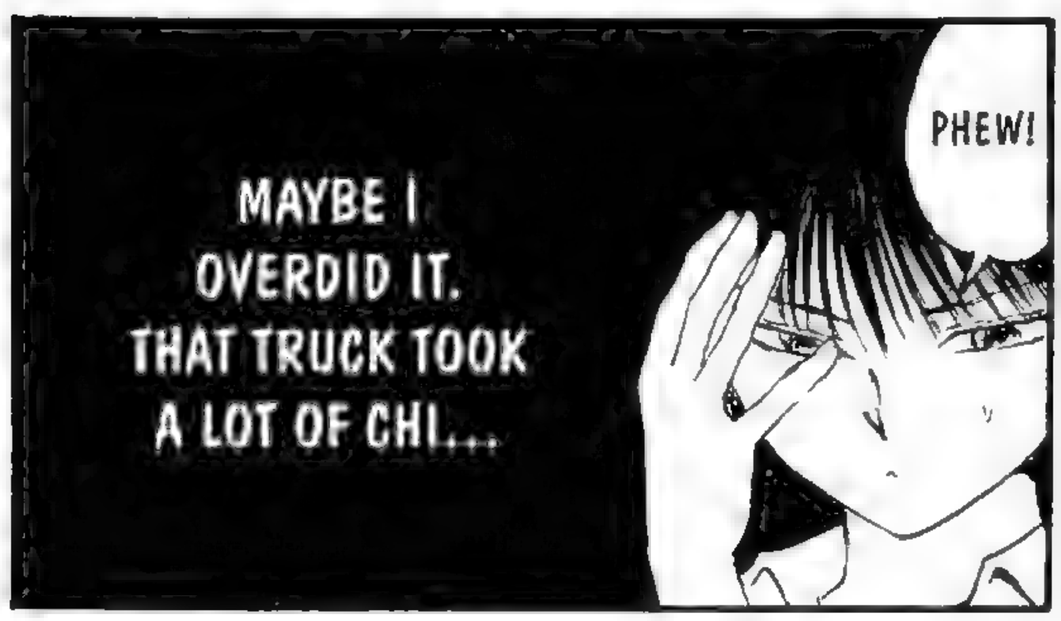
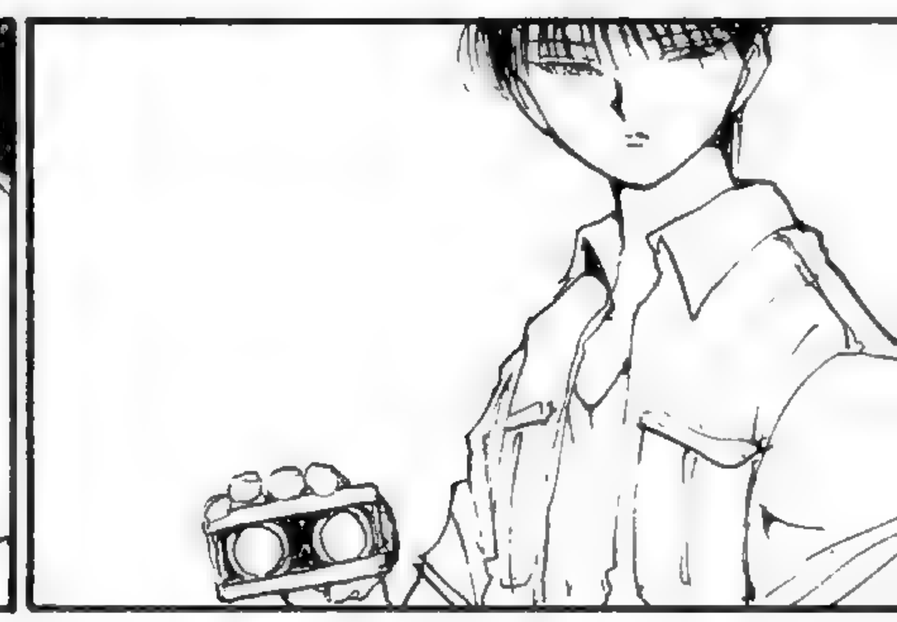



MAYBE I OVERDID IT. THAT TRUCK TOOK A LOT OF CHI...
PHEW!

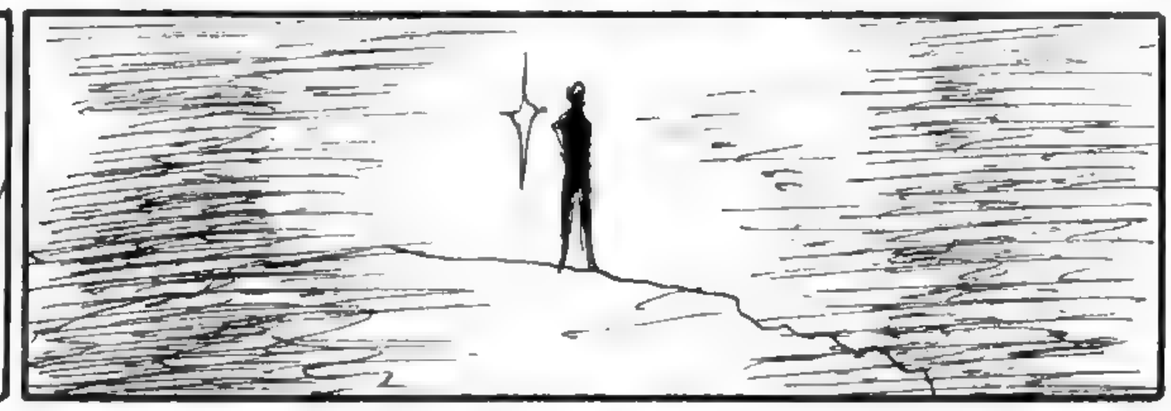
UHH...



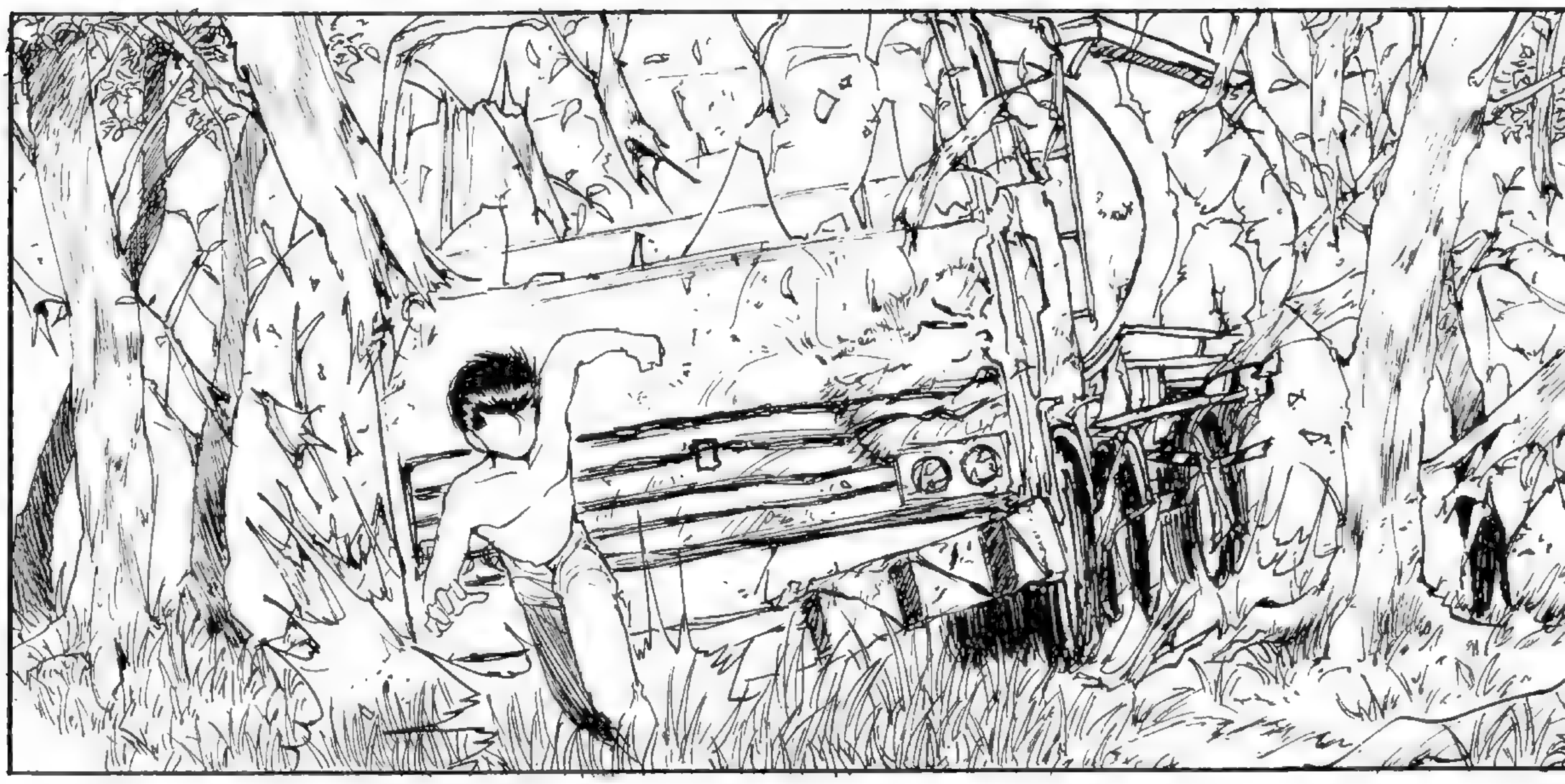
CH-CHK
SO OKAY, NO MORE FUN AND GAMES. I CAN'T RISK LOSING MY TERRITORY.

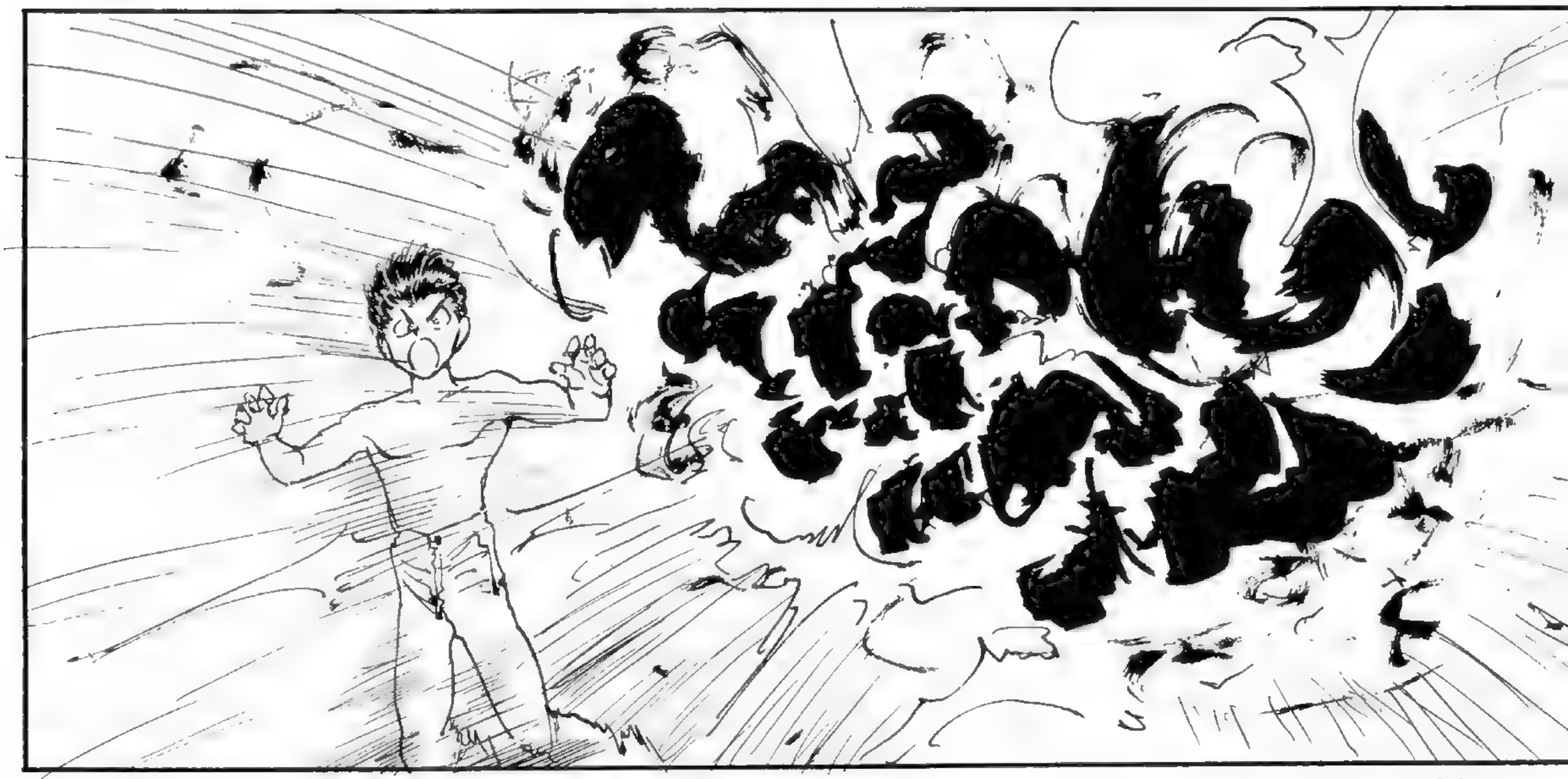
I'LL BE **SQUASHED** LIKE A BUG!

THIS IS **LOONY** !!



BE
AM





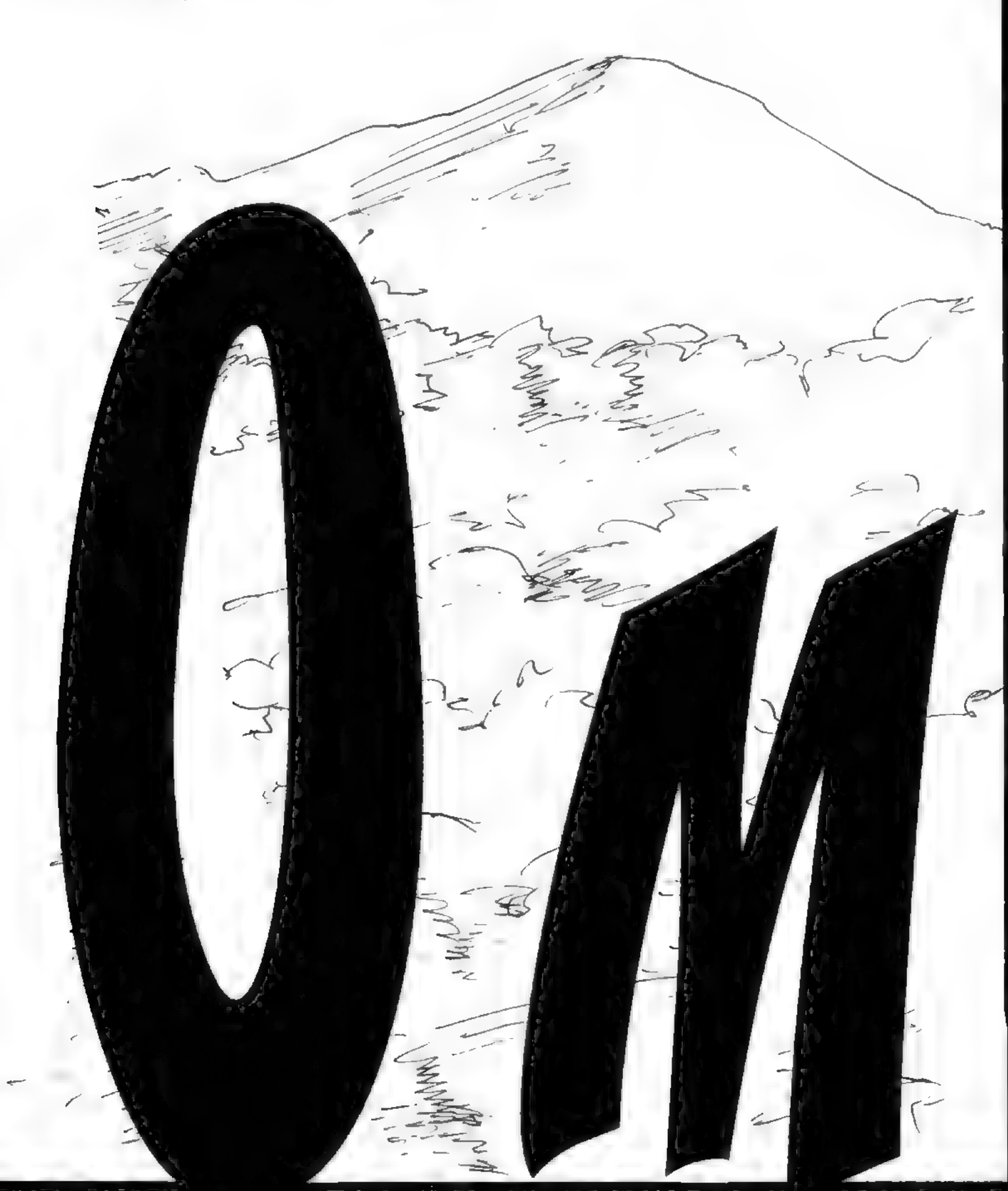
RRRA
RRR
S'LONG, DUDE.

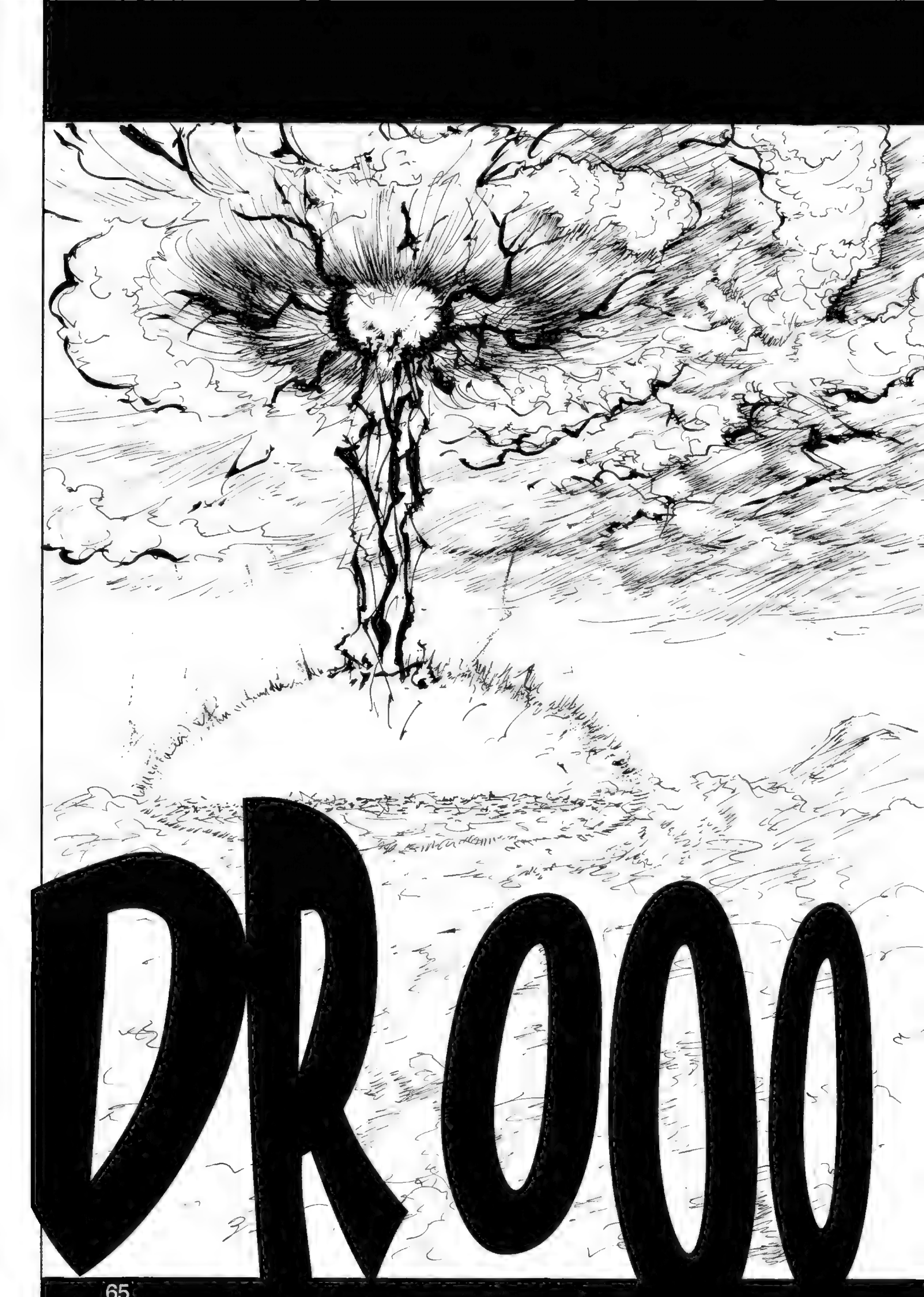
NIIJHUK

THE BEST IS YET TO COME.
IT'S NOT YOUR TIME TO DIE.
WHUH... HIEI?
SIZZ
SIZZ
...ROTTEN BLOOD AND FLESH FROM THE DEMON PLANE. MAKES ME FEEL NOSTALGIC.
THIS BREEZE IS SO PLEASANT AND CALMING, CARRYING THE SCENT OF...

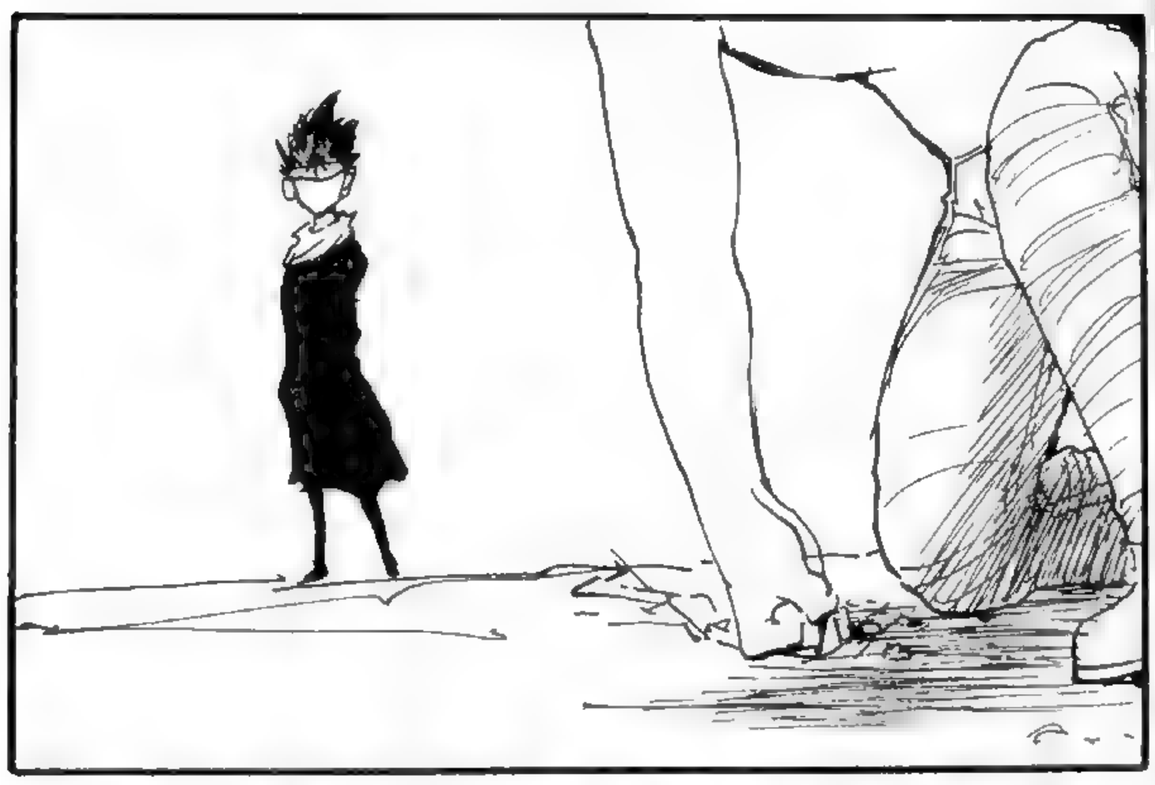
THE UNDERWORLD IS GETTING READY TO ERUPT!

SEE?

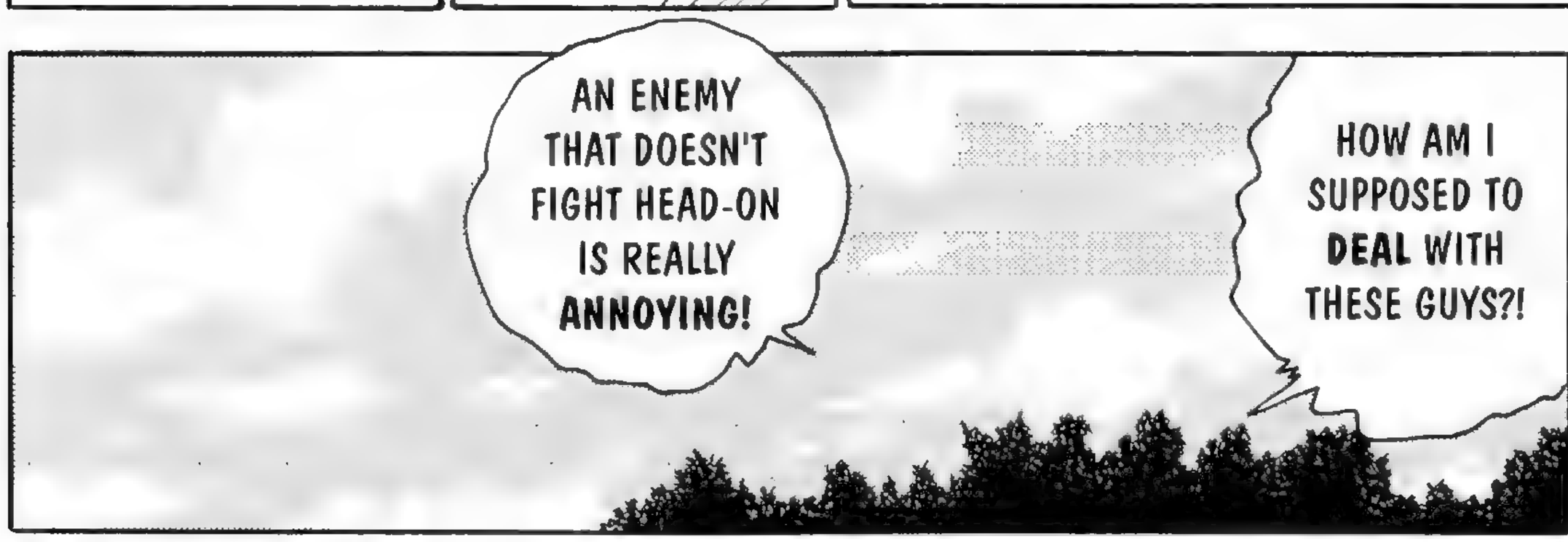



DROOP

COOL OFF!!

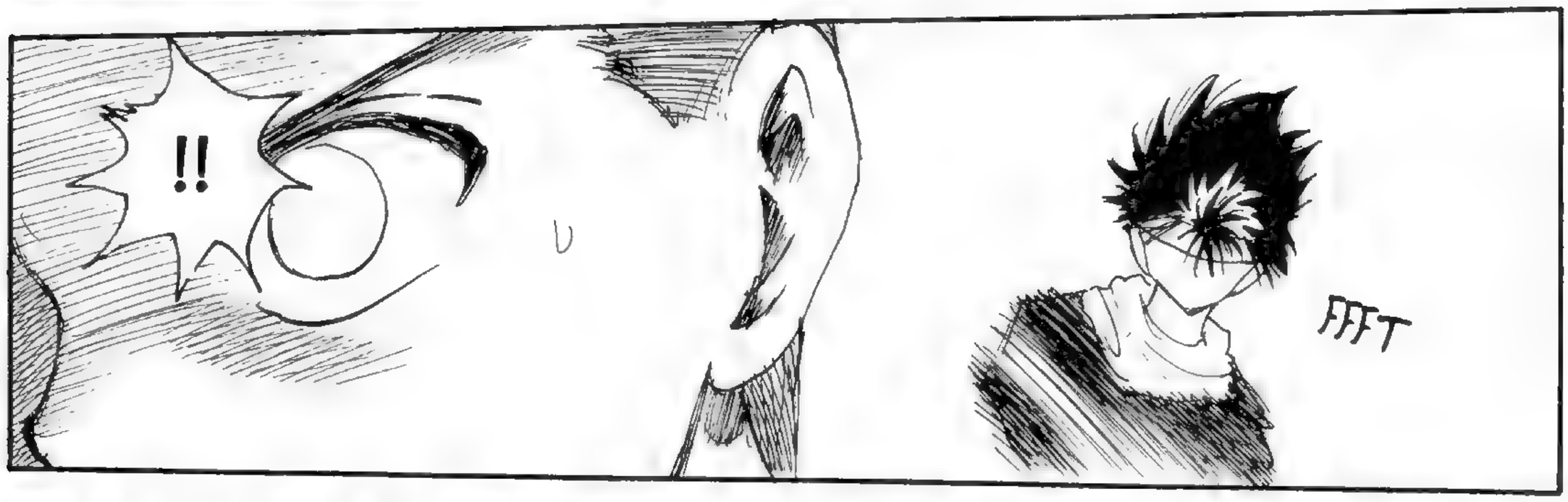


BAM!!


AN ENEMY THAT DOESN'T FIGHT HEAD-ON IS REALLY ANNOYING!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THESE GUYS?!

WHERE? WHAT FOR?
GO?
WELL, COMPLAINING WON'T HELP. GOTTA GO...

AND THEN KICK SOME ENEMY BUTT!!
TO GET KUWABARA BACK!! WHAT ELSE?!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FFFT

HIEI!!

HEY!

HEH HEH...
SECOND TIME TODAY YOU COULD'VE DIED.
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO TACKLE THESE GUYS.

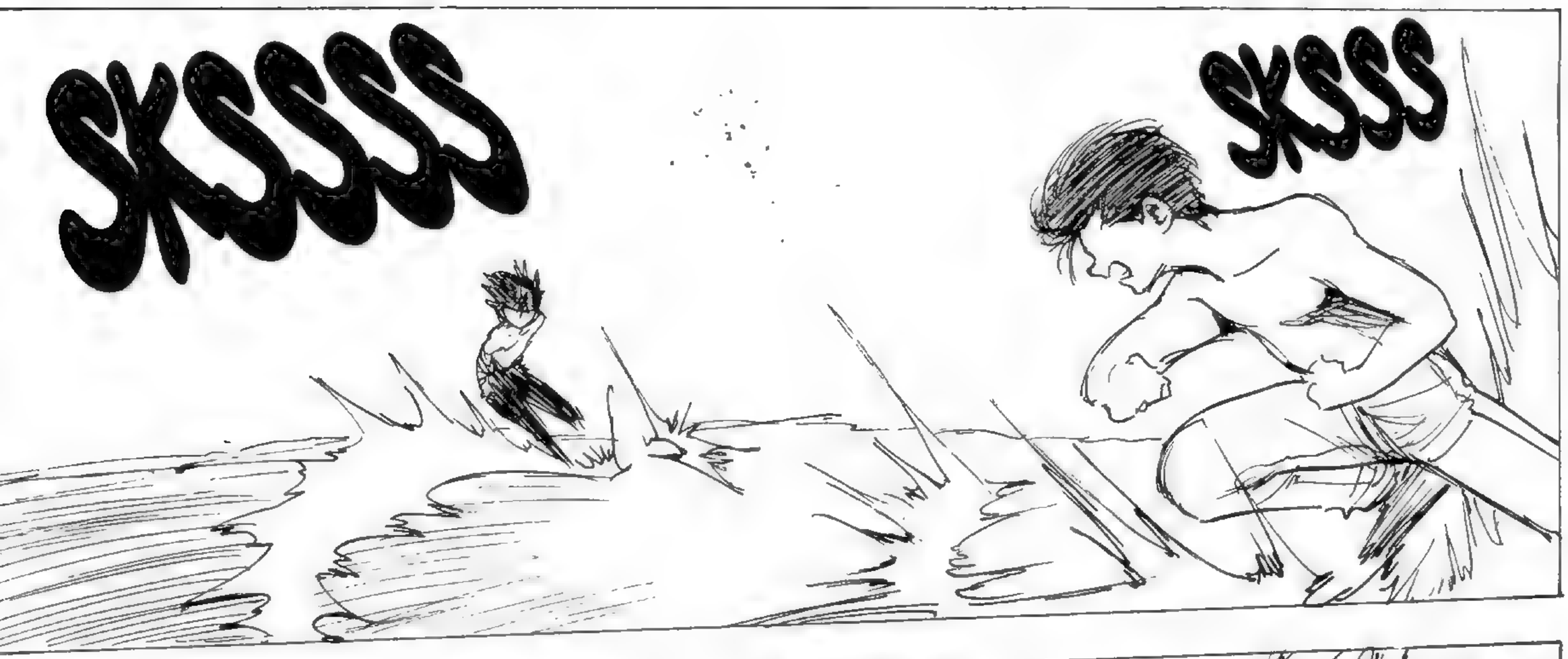
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE YOUR LIFE.

!!

HIEI, YOU CREEP!!

IN FACT, I WILL!

PHOOSH!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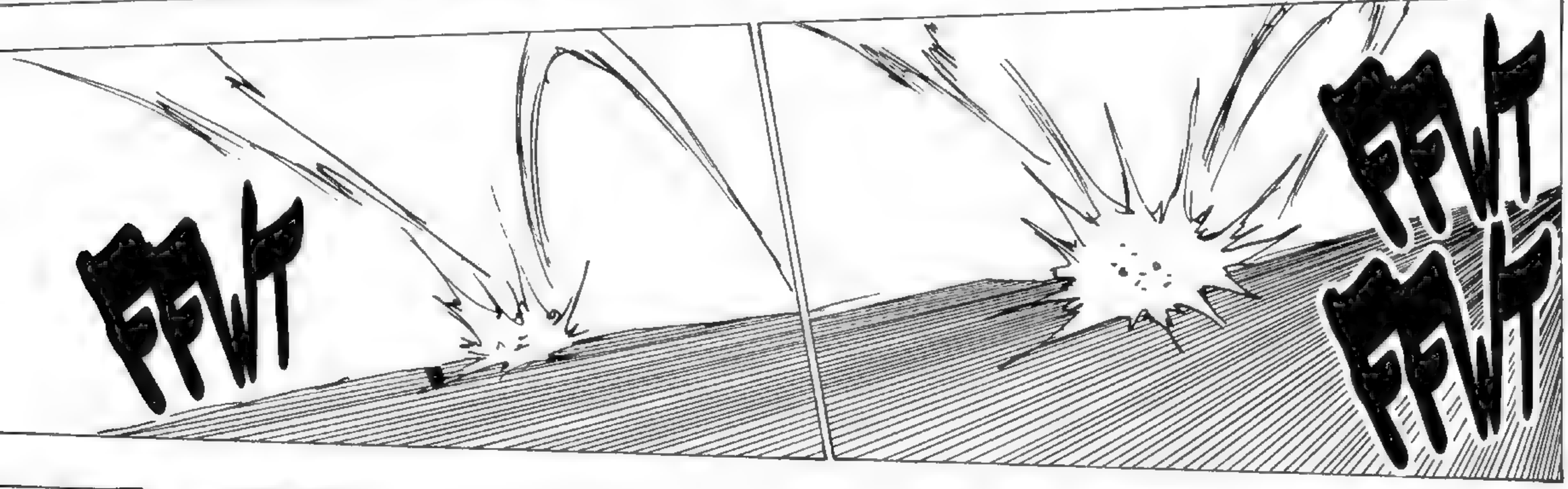
FFWT
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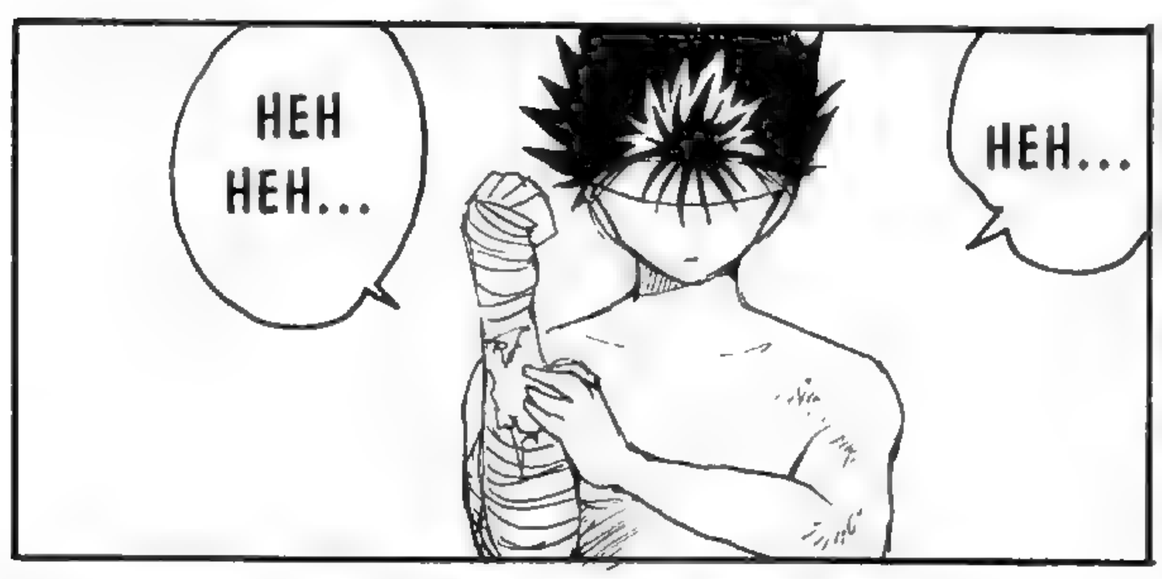
BAM
BAM
BAM
WHAM

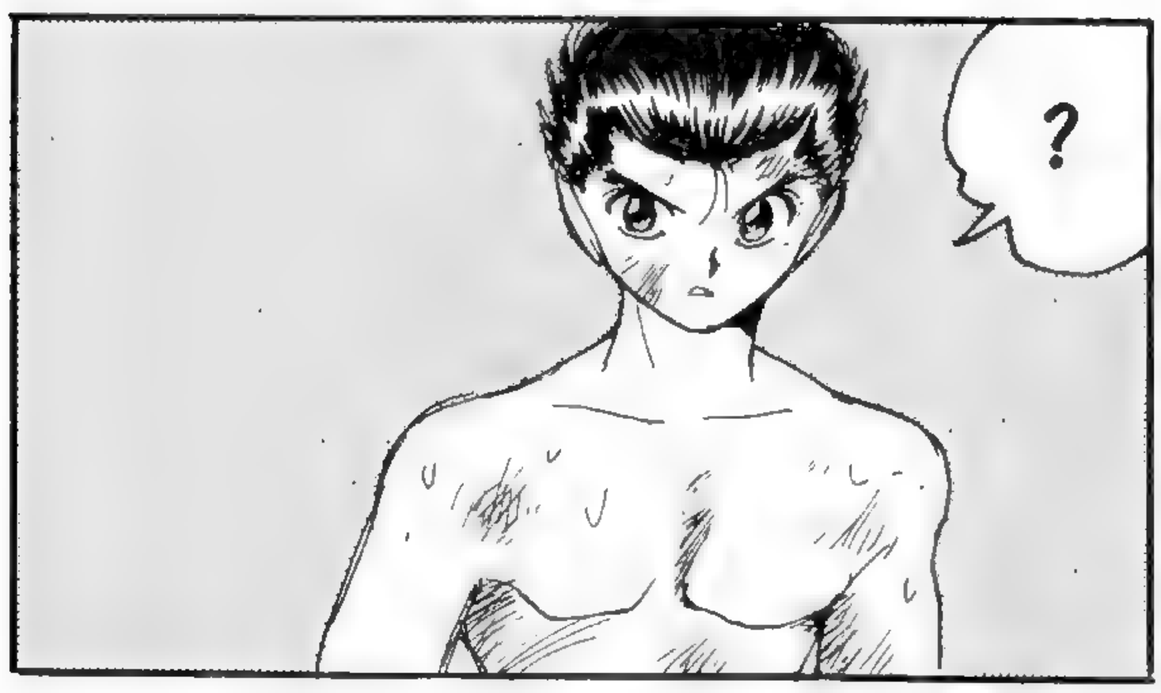
BAM
BAM
BAM
WOMP WOMP WOMP

There's about ten minutes of this, so please stand by.

BAM
BAM
SPR
OING!!

Huff
Huff


HEH HEH...
HEH...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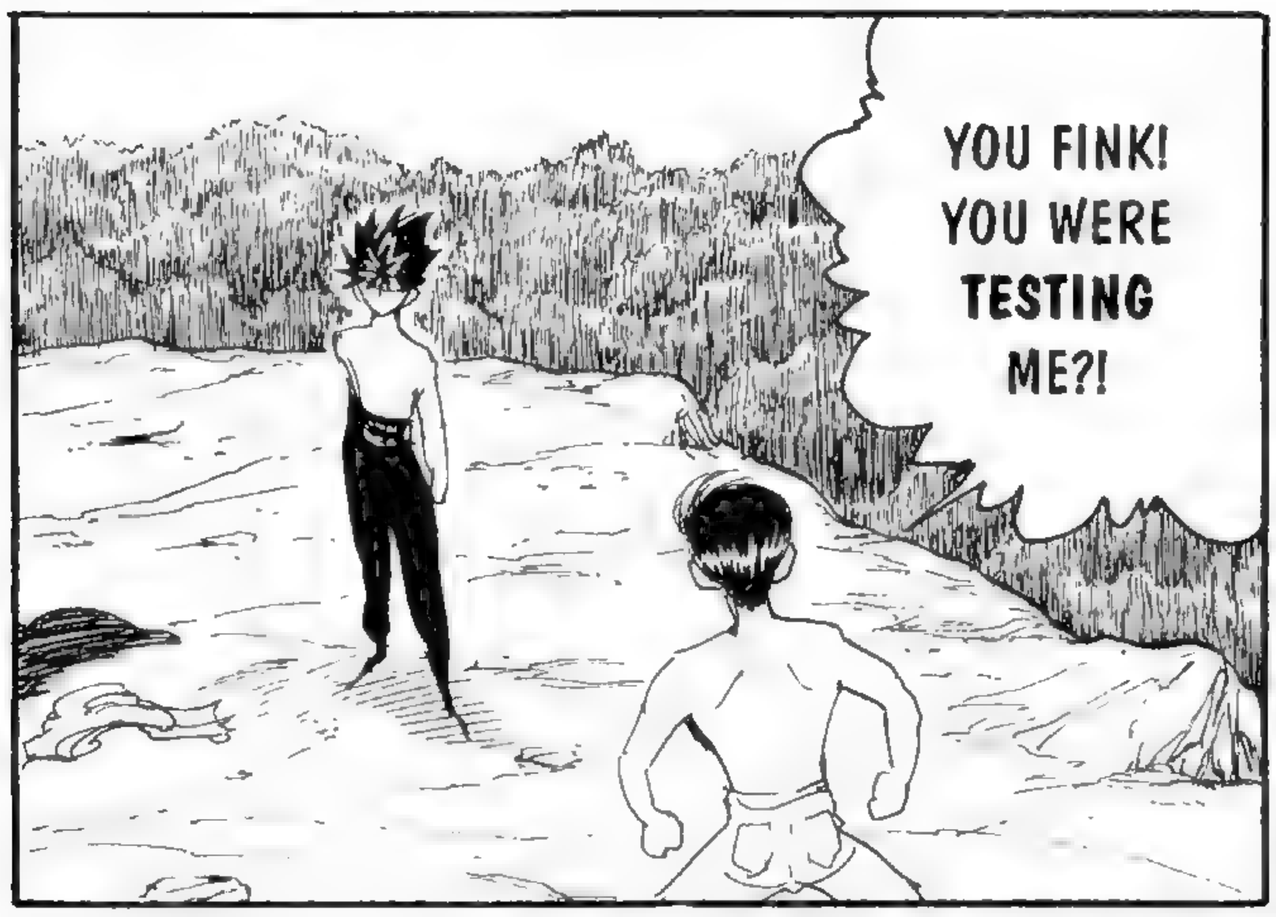
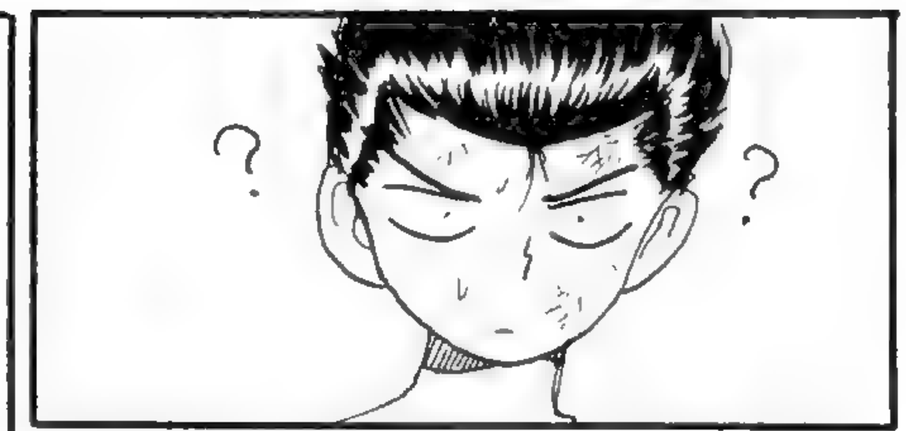
I'D SAY YOUR AURA'S HOLDING UP PRETTY WELL.


YOU FINK! YOU WERE TESTING ME?!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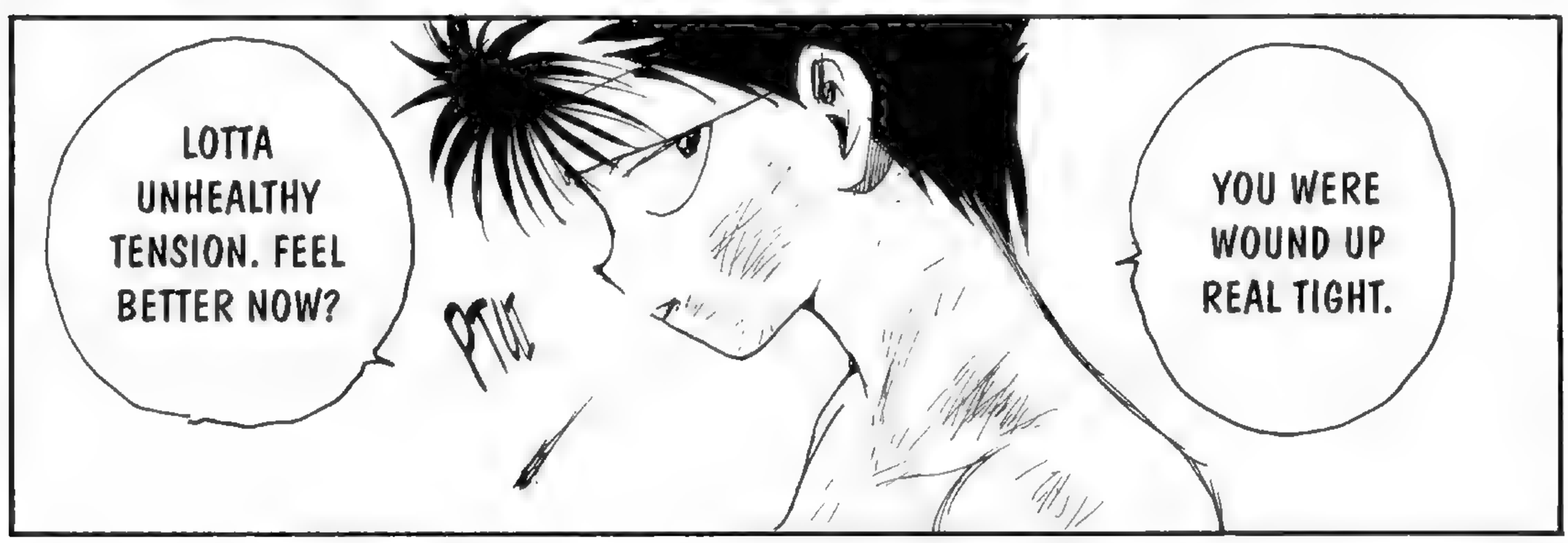
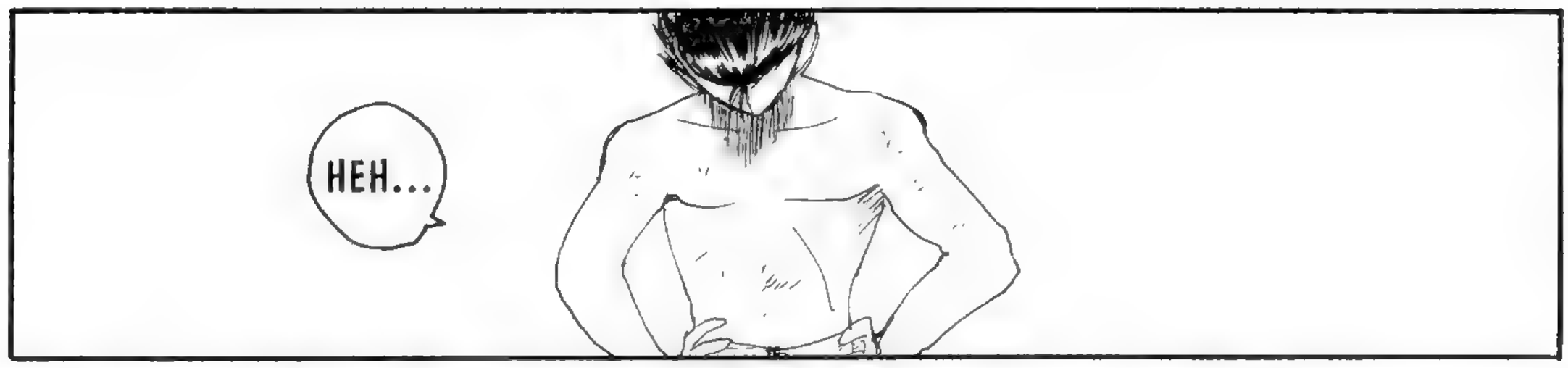
Hey!


LOTTA UNHEALTHY TENSION. FEEL BETTER NOW?
YOU WERE WOUND UP REAL TIGHT.

AND WITH YOUR BRAIN IN A FEVER, THEY'LL KEEP NAILING YOU.
THEIR TACTICS MINIMIZE YOUR POWER WHILE MAXIMIZING THEIR ADVANTAGES.

HEH HEH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME...
SO COOL OFF.

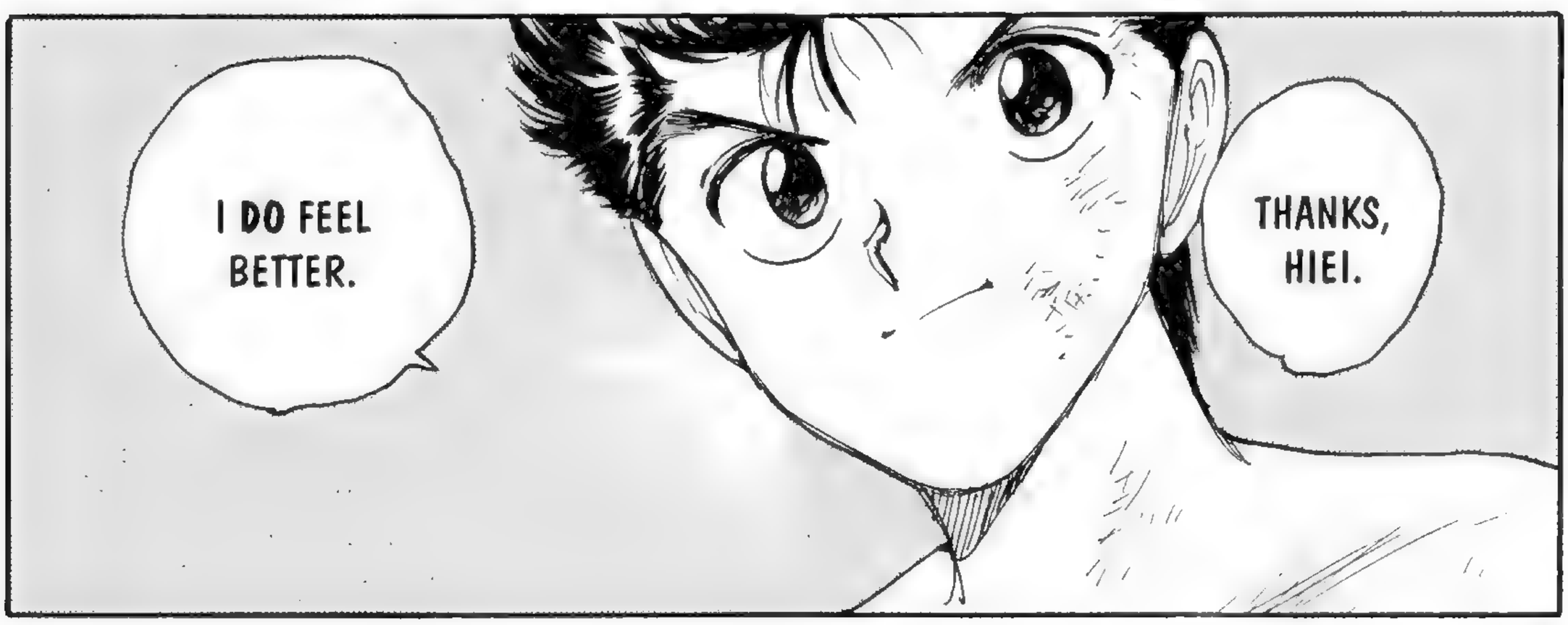
HIEI...


HEH...

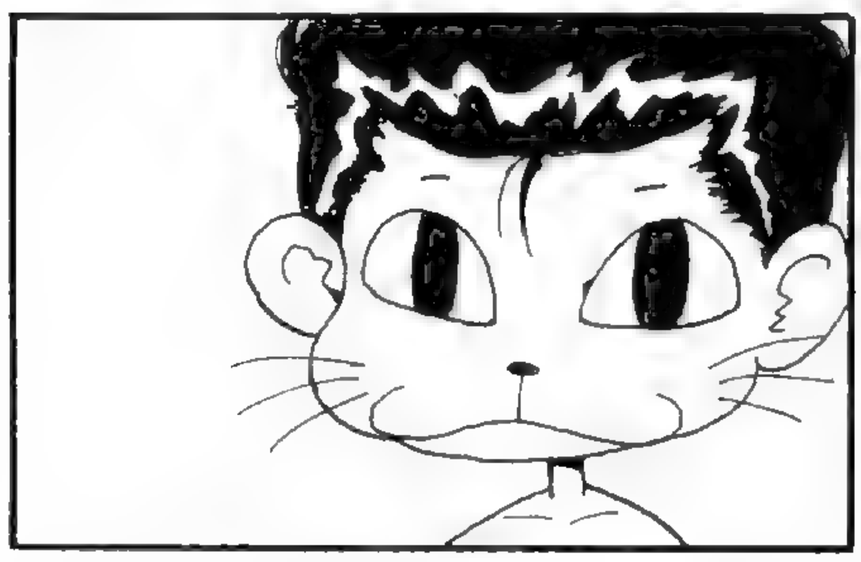
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
THIS! YOU...HEH HEH...

HA HA HA HA HA!
HEH HEH HEH!

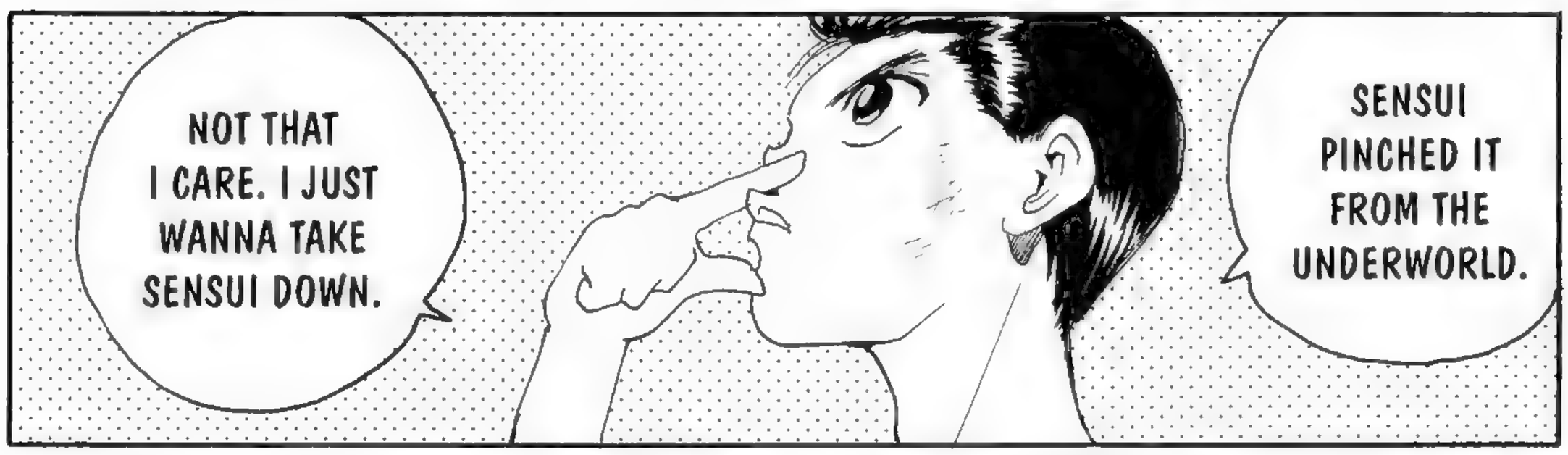
AND TO THINK I SPARED HIM...SIGH...
What a world!
...I MEAN, YOU TELLING ME TO COOL OFF! THAT'S A SWITCH!


I DO FEEL BETTER.
THANKS, HIEI.

HIEI...
HMPH!
HELP US, OKAY?
...WANT THE SAME THINGS WE DO, BUT...
I KNOW YOU DON'T...
...CAN YOU REALLY LET THEM USE KUWABARA?
...AGAINST MY OWN INTERESTS.
I WON'T MOVE...



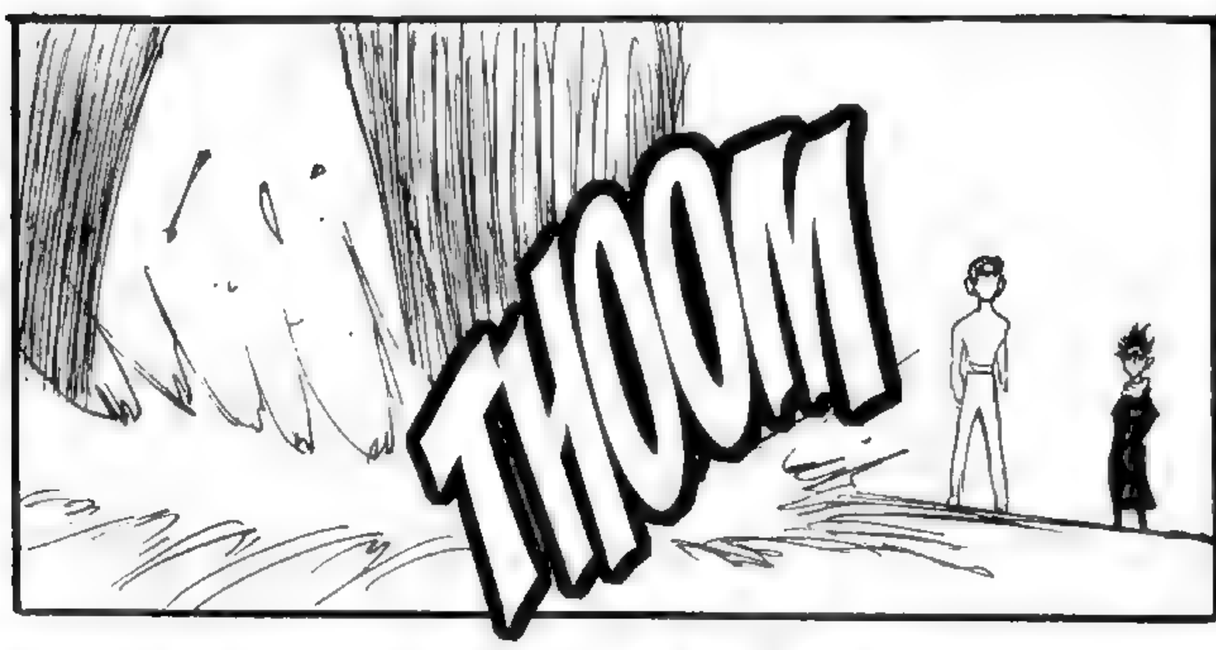
LIKE GETTING HOLD OF THE BLACK CHAPTER?
DUN


NOT THAT I CARE. I JUST WANNA TAKE SENSUI DOWN.
SENSUI PINCHED IT FROM THE UNDERWORLD.

BUT, AGAIN, WHAT DO I CARE?
No one told me to recover it.
YEAH, I GUESS.

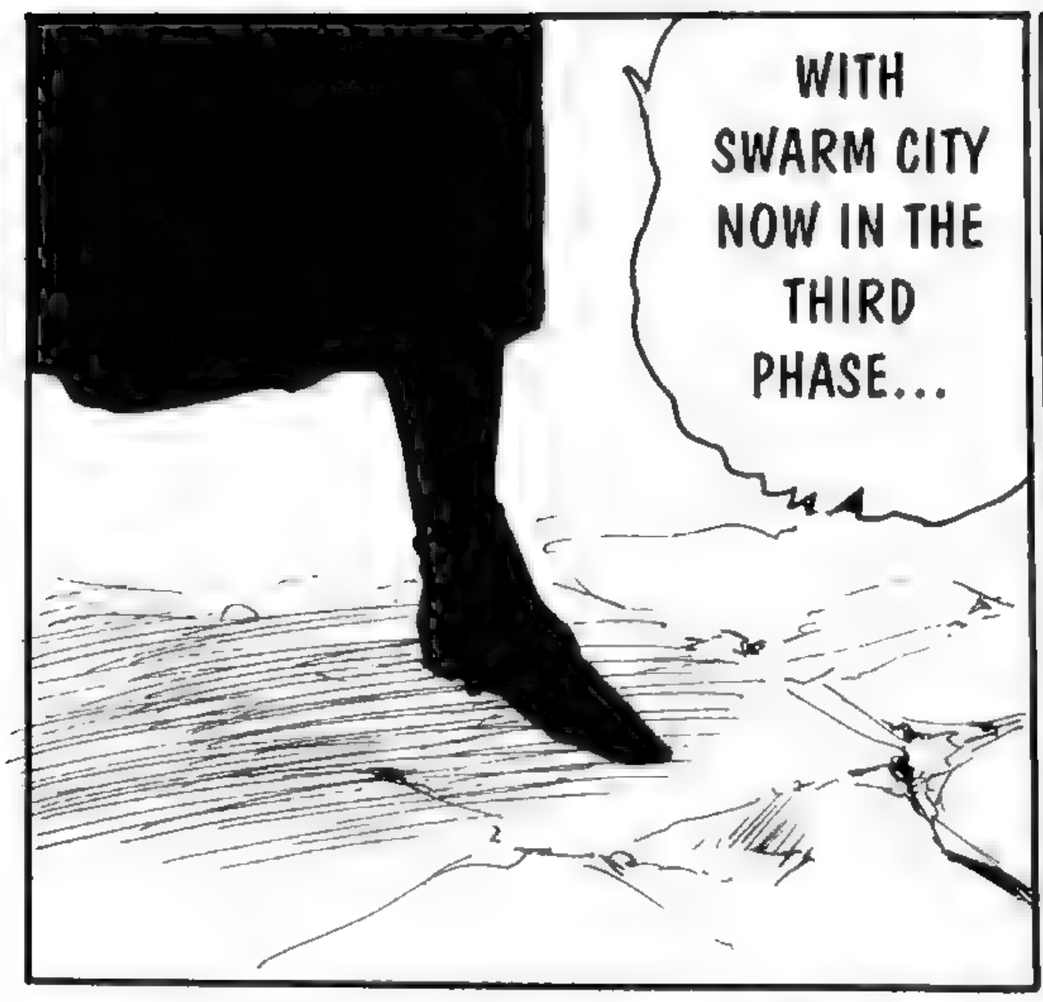
THE UNDERWORLD ...
...WILL WANT THAT VIDEO BACK.

HEH! NOW YOU'RE TALKING.



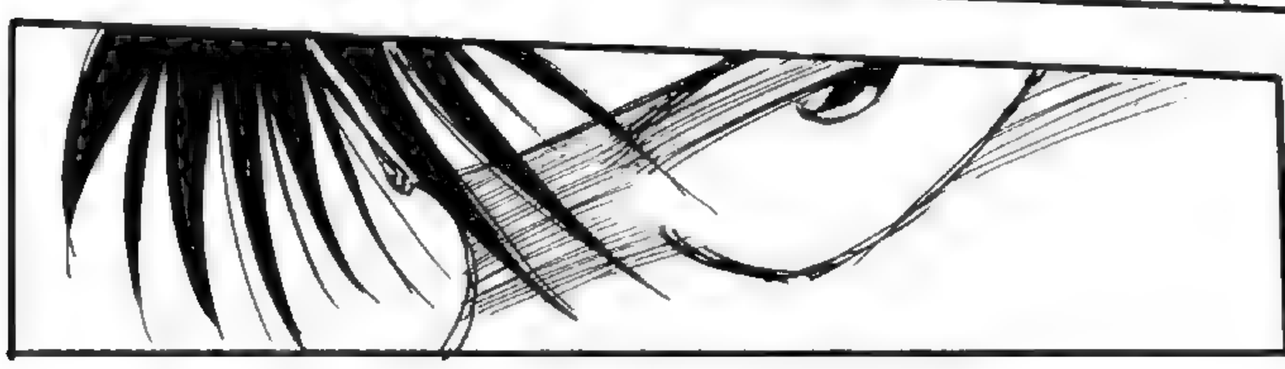
WE FOLLOW A HUMAN SCENT AND WHAT DO WE FIND?

WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS?!


WITH SWARM CITY NOW IN THE THIRD PHASE...

A HUMAN AND A DEMON BEING ALL CHUMMY!
SOMETHING QUITE INTRIGUING!

...WE'LL BE SEEING A LOT MORE OF THESE IDIOTS.

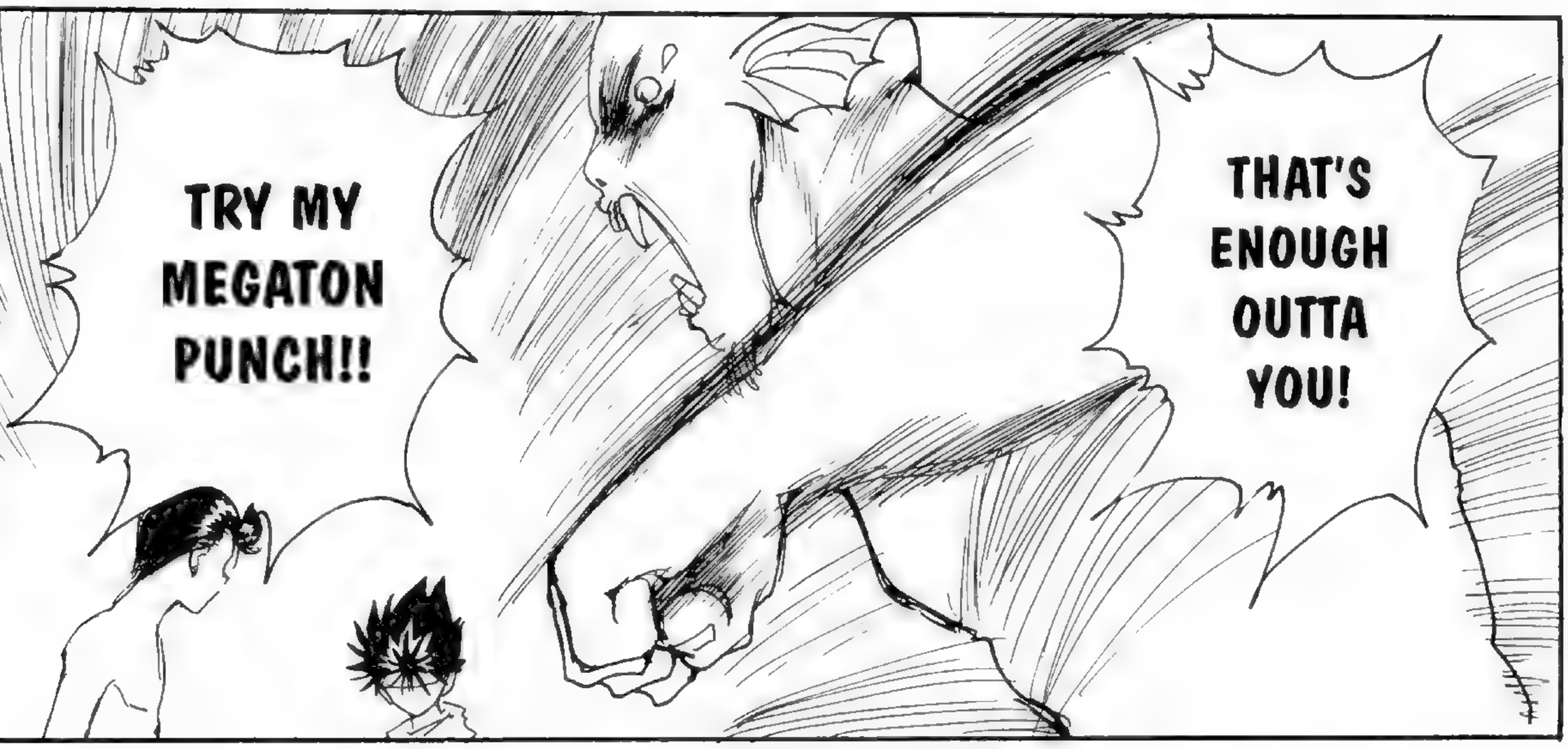


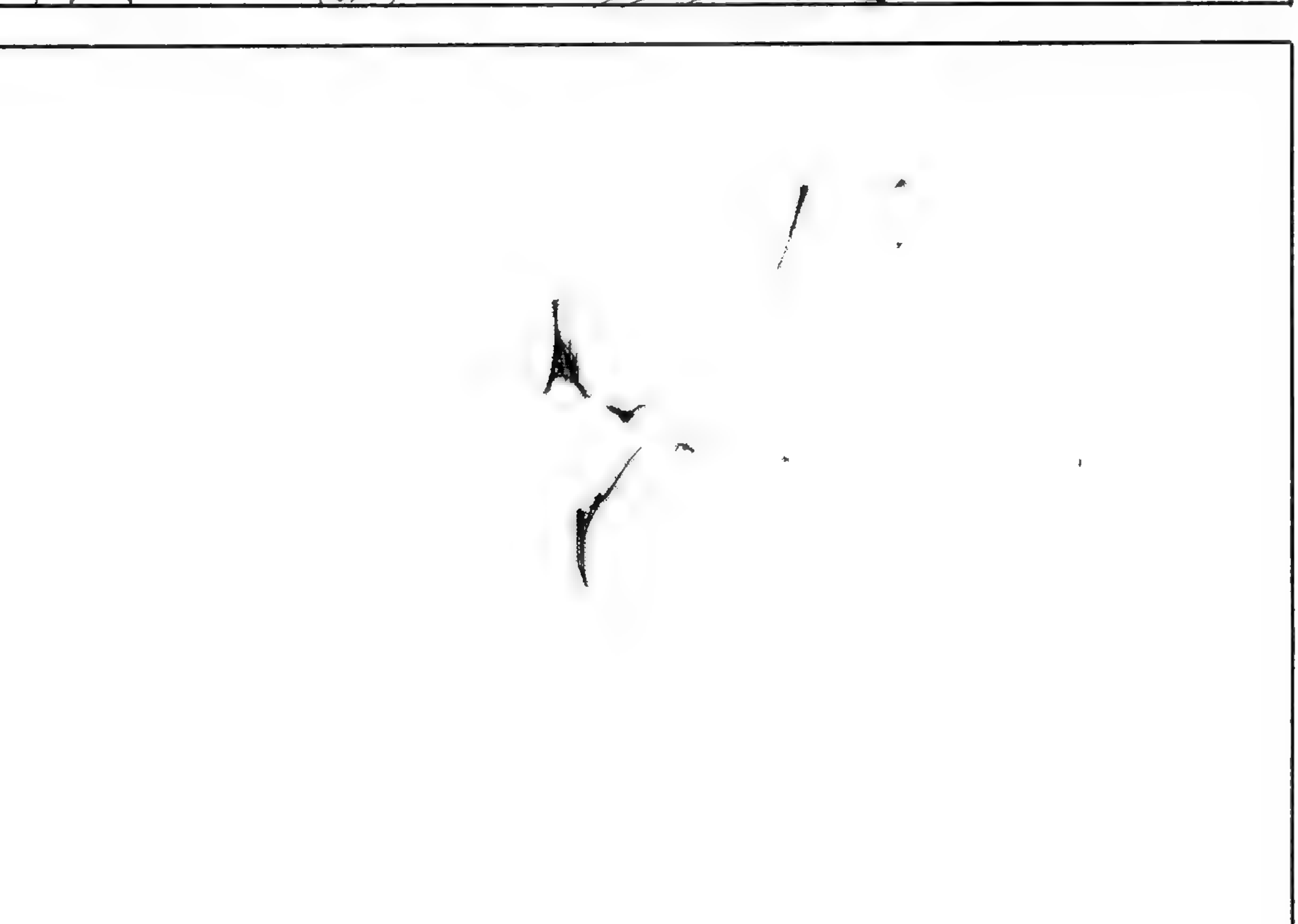
...A RETHINK. CAN'T SEE WHY I'D WANT TO PUT UP WITH THESE JERKS.
YUSUKE... MY BEST INTERESTS MAY NEED...

HOW 'BOUT I EAT YOU FIRST, LITTLE DEMON?!
IDIOTS? HOW VERY RUDE!

SAME HERE.

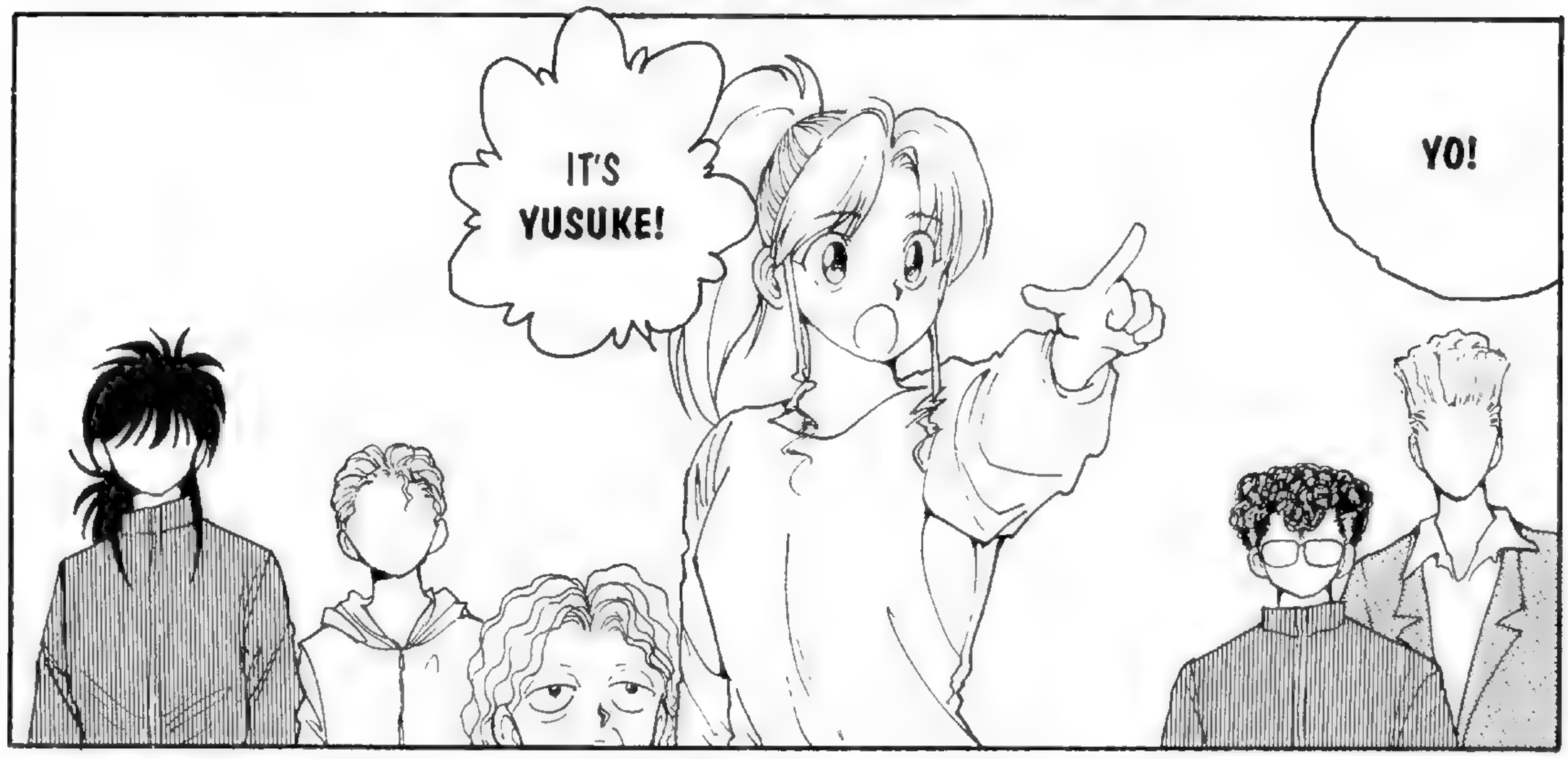
HOW 'BOUT YOU?

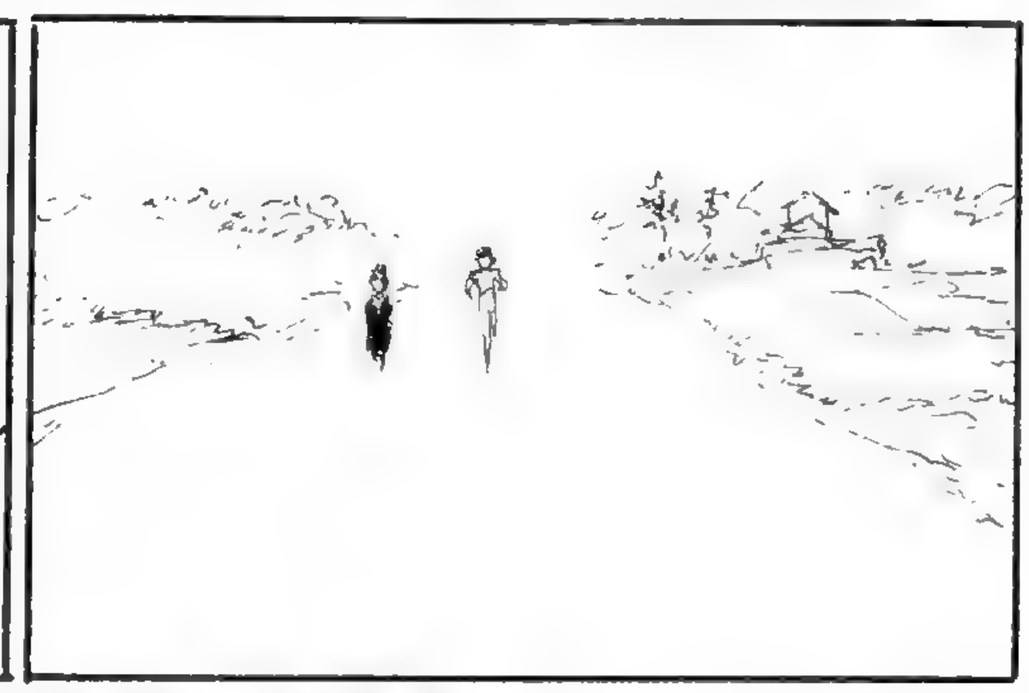

TRY MY MEGATON PUNCH!!
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!

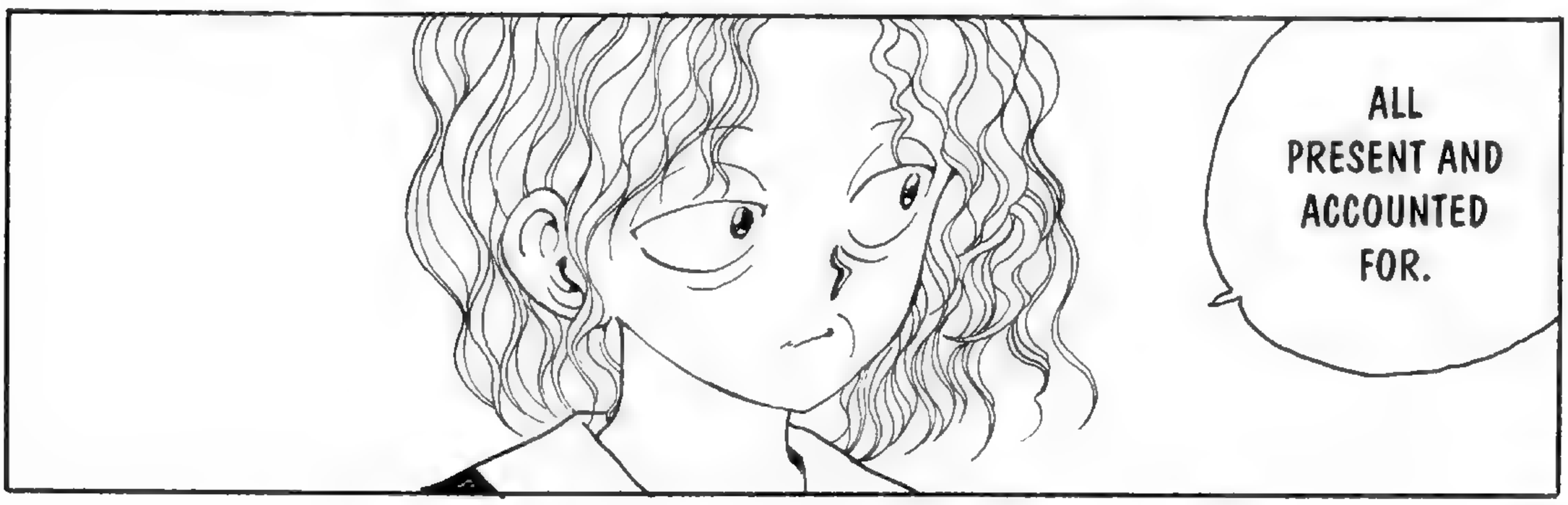


OKAY! ON TO THEIR HIDEOUT!!

INTO THE CAVE!!







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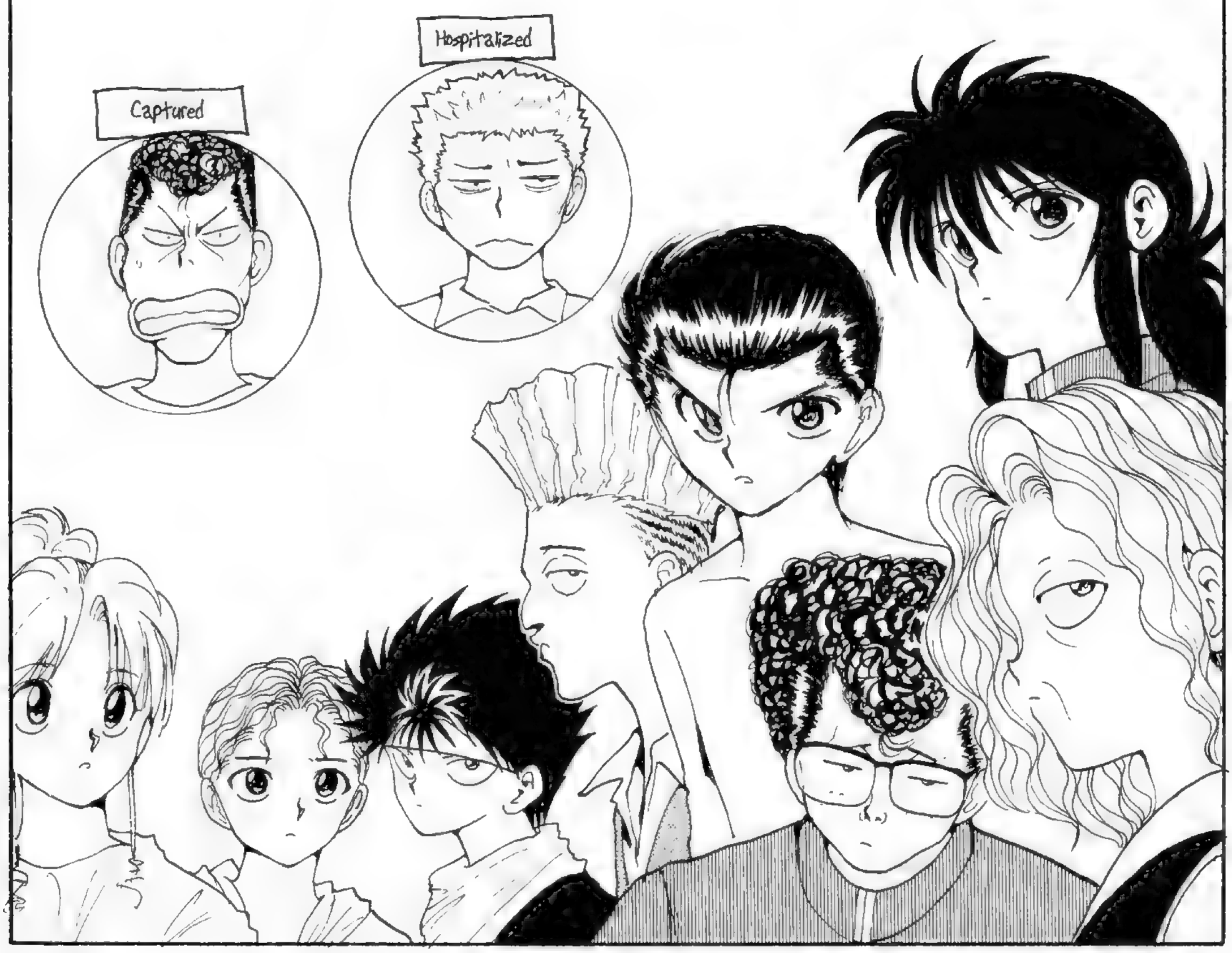
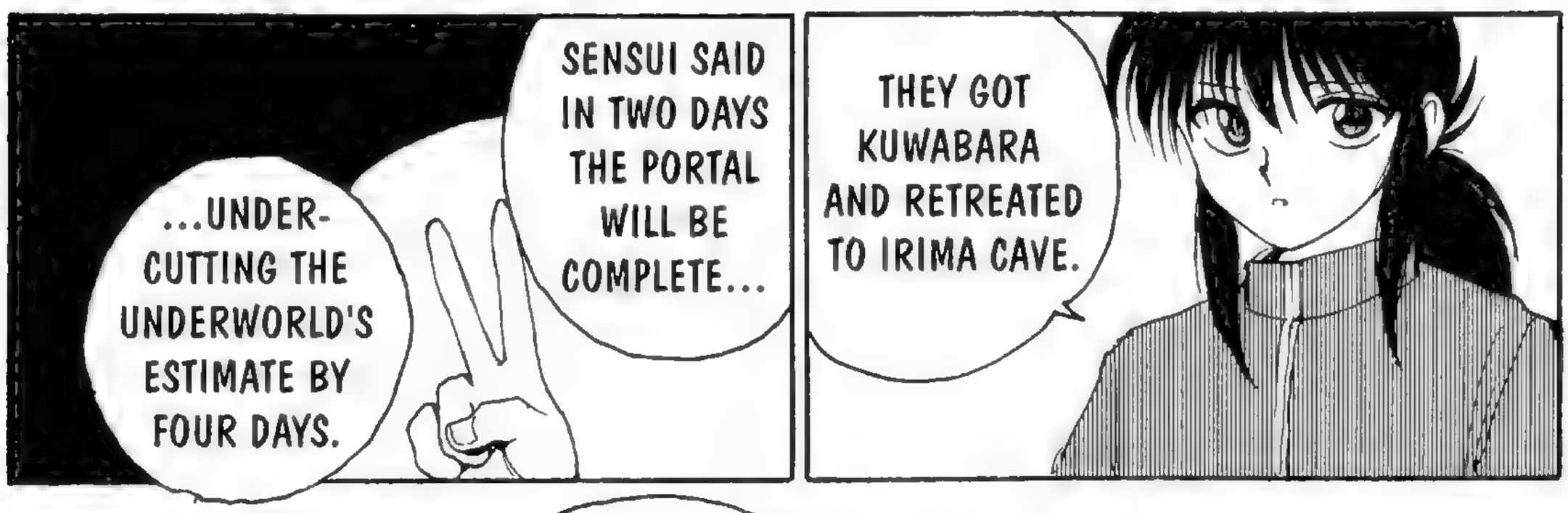
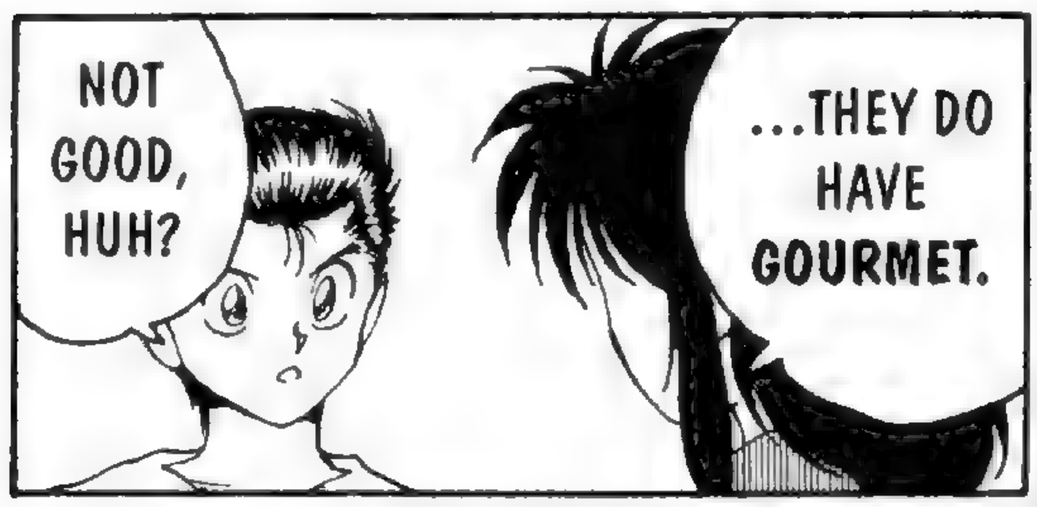


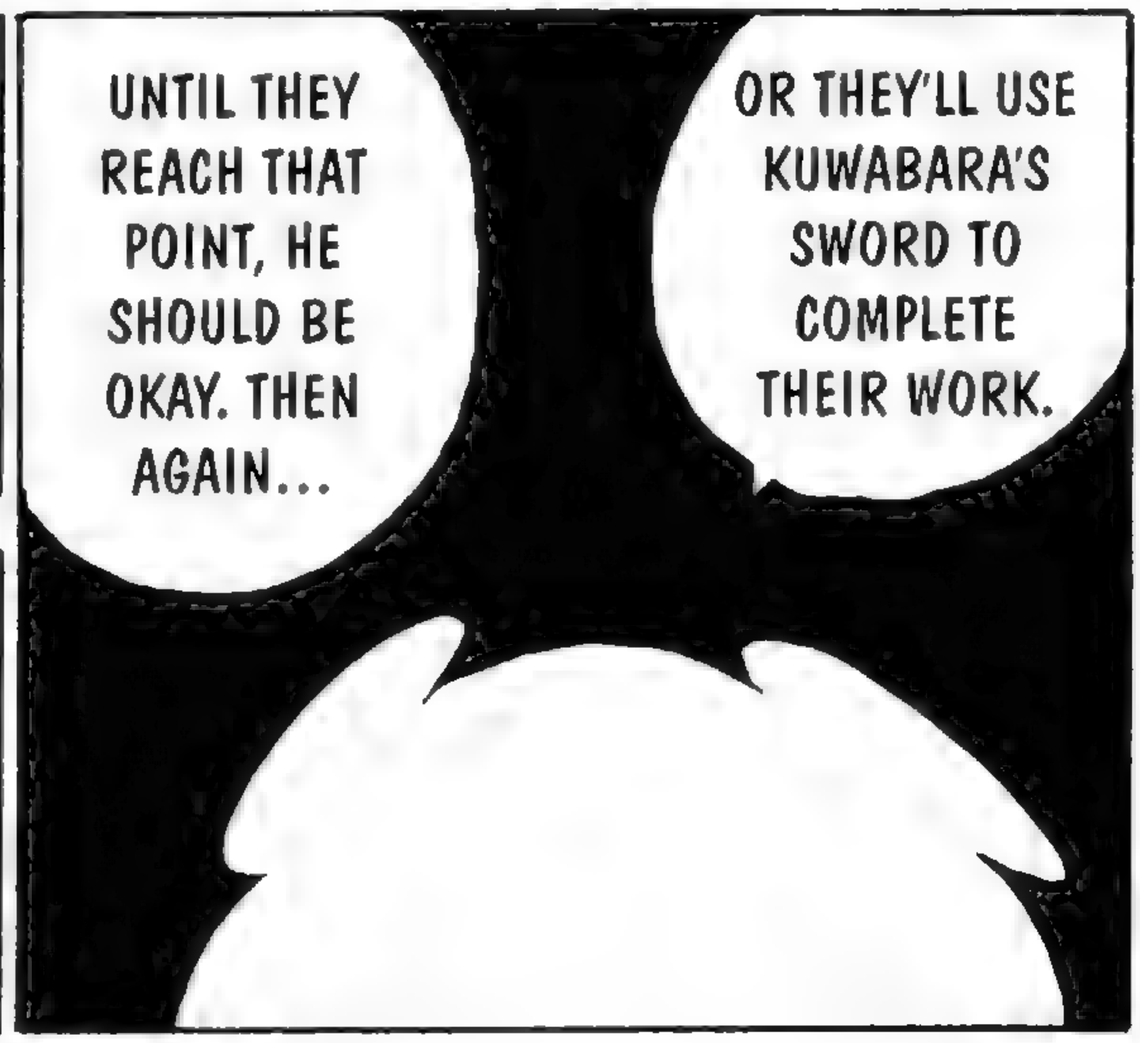
LET'S REVIEW THE SITUATION.

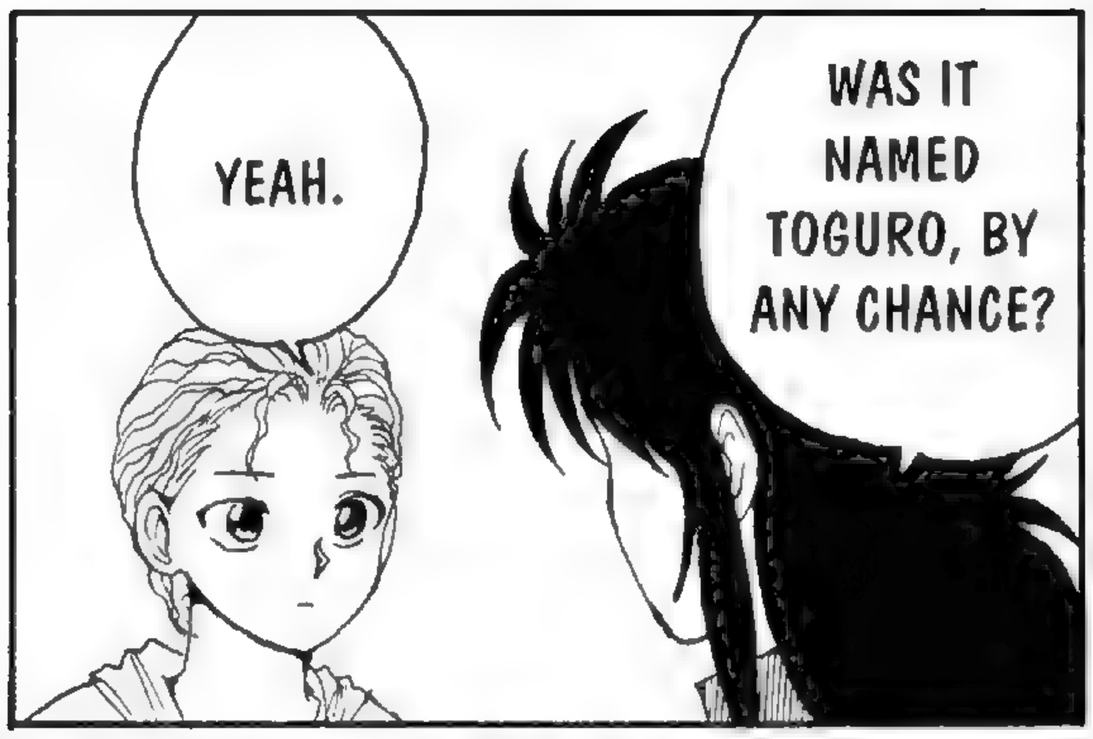
HIEI'S TAKEN HAGIRI OUT, SO FOUR ENEMIES REMAIN.



ONE LOOK AROUND MAKES THAT QUITE CLEAR.







New T-shirt: ¥980 (around $10 U.S.).

YUSUKE...

KURAMA ...

HIEI...

YOU THREE TAKE THIS ONE.

...GIANT MAZE. I'LL GUIDE YOU.
THAT CAVE'S LIKE A...

CAN WE TRUST YOU?

THEY MAY HAVE AGENTS SET TO FLANK US IF WE ALL GO IN.
THE REST WILL STAY ON LOOKOUT.

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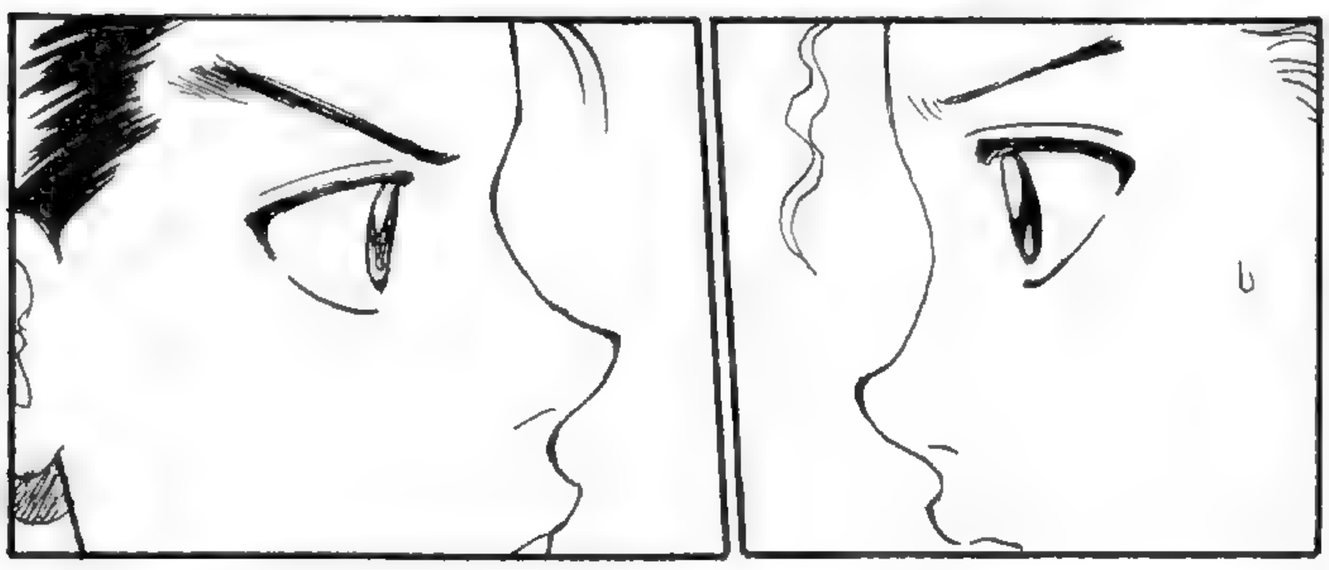
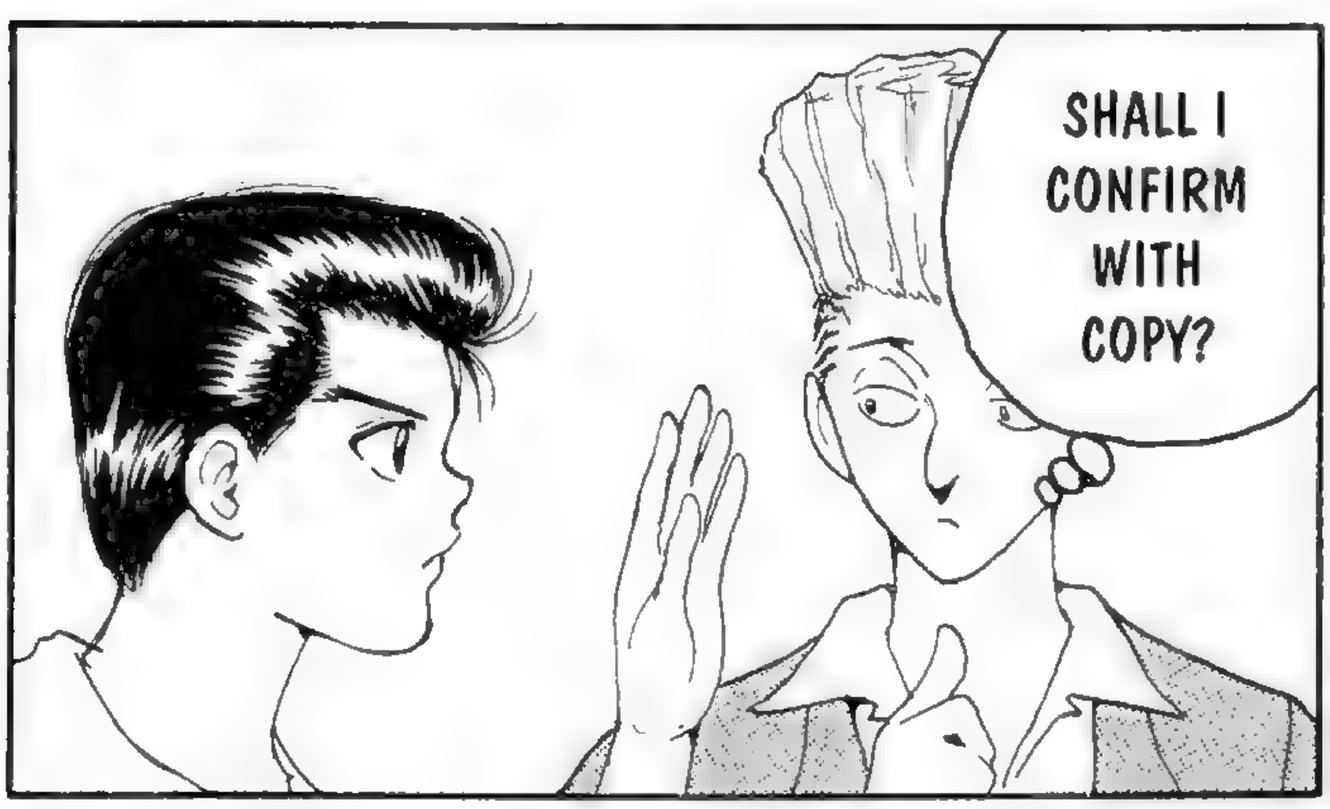
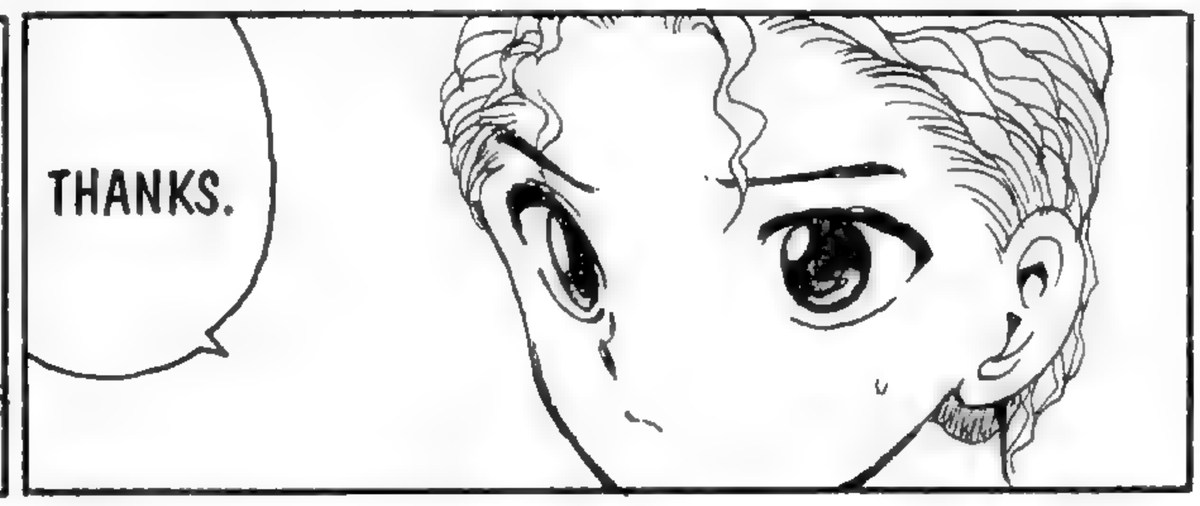



SHALL I CONFIRM WITH COPY?

I WANT TO HELP KUWABARA.

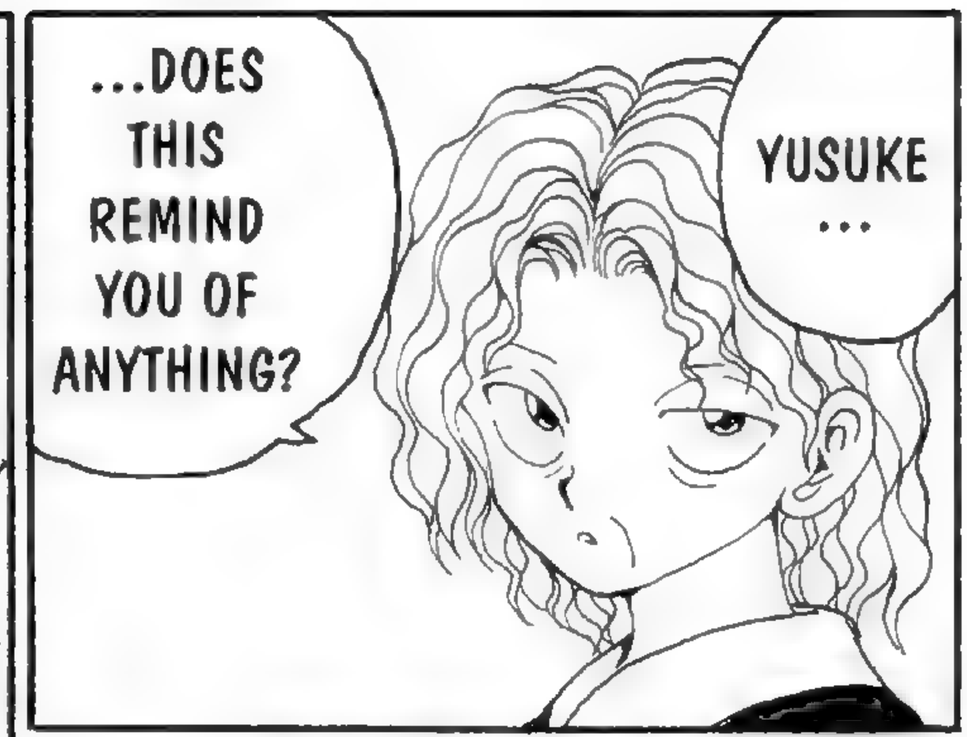
LET'S GO.

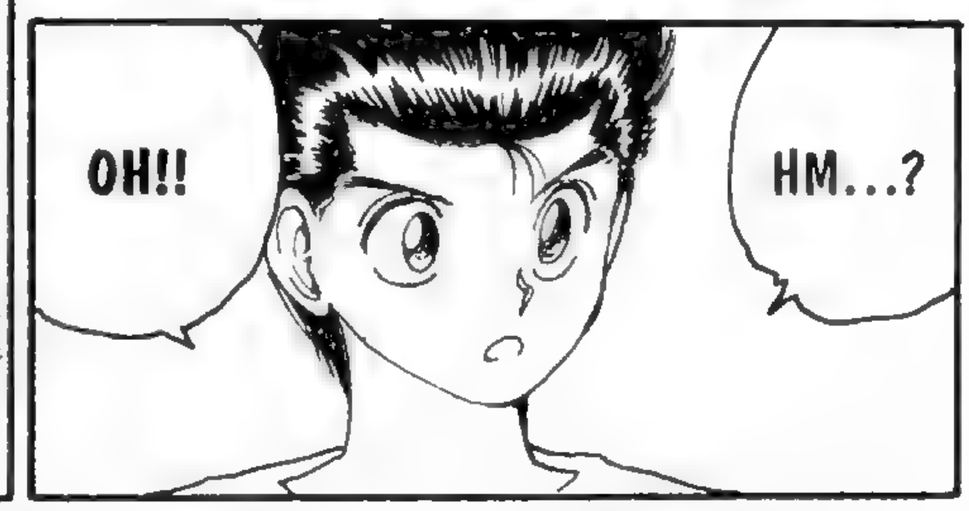
WELCOME ABOARD.



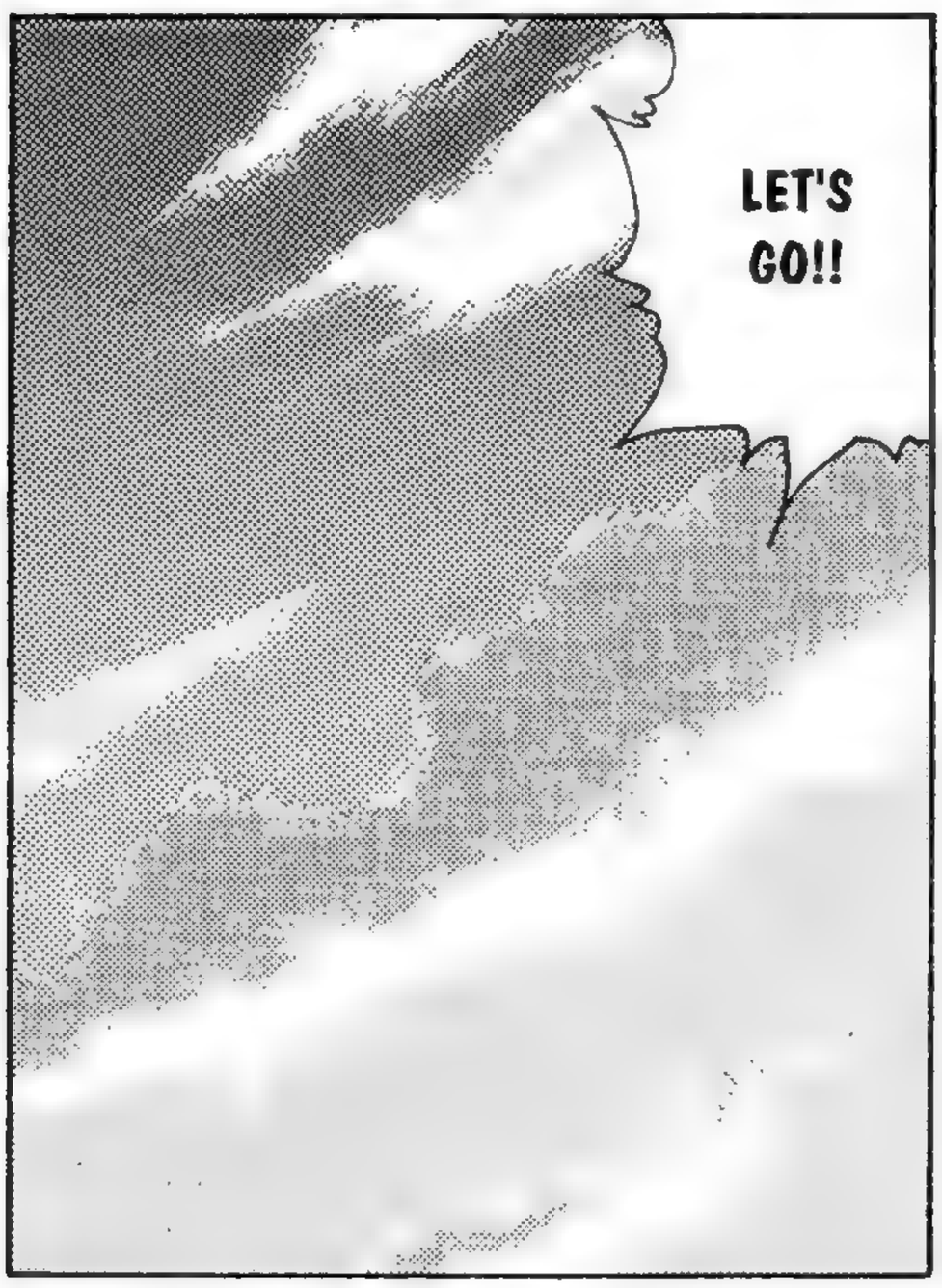
THE TEAM IS READY TO ENTER THE CAVE!!

RIGHT.
WHEN THESE THREE CAPTURED ME!


...DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF ANYTHING?
YUSUKE ...

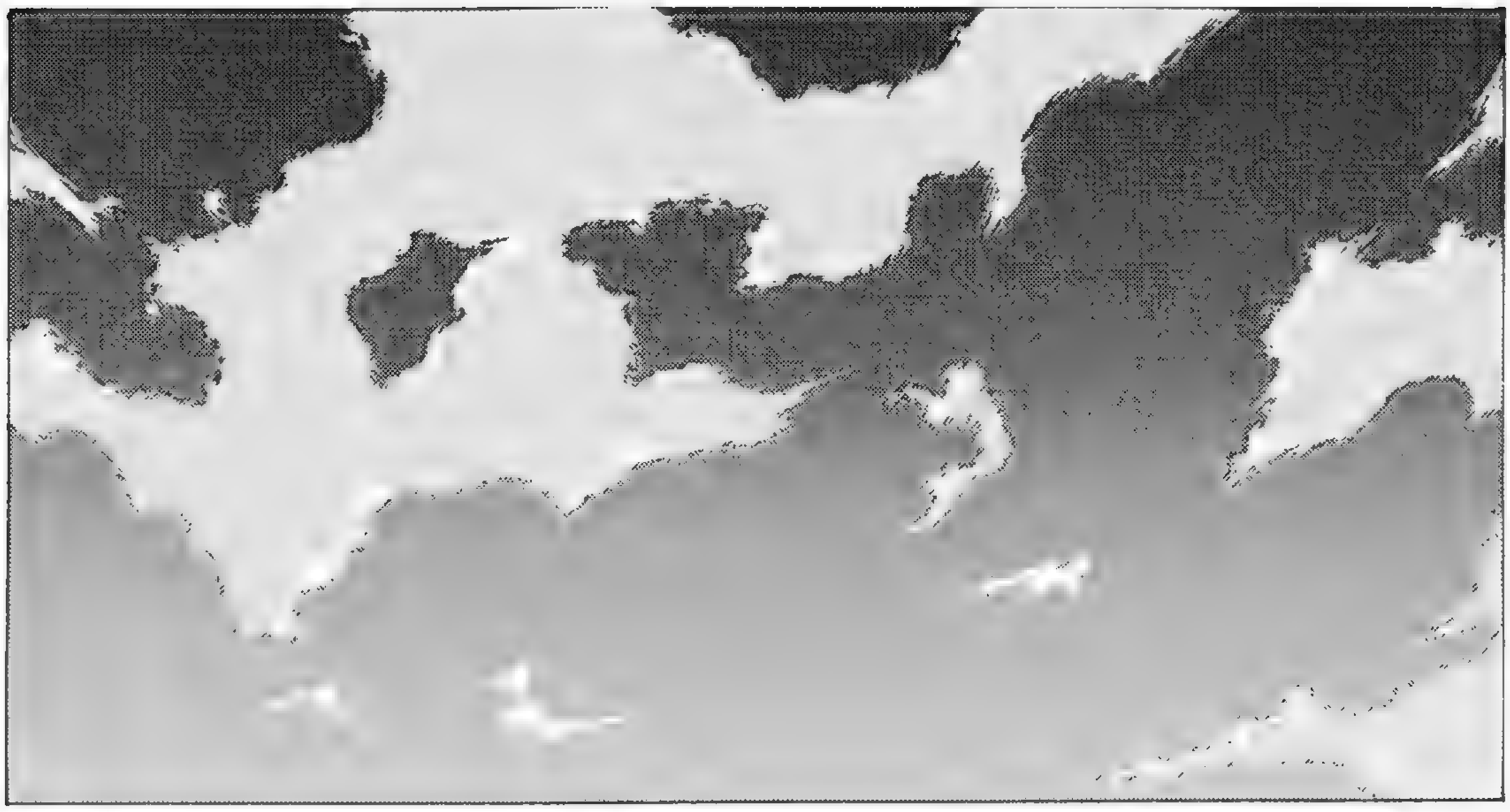

OH!!
HM...?

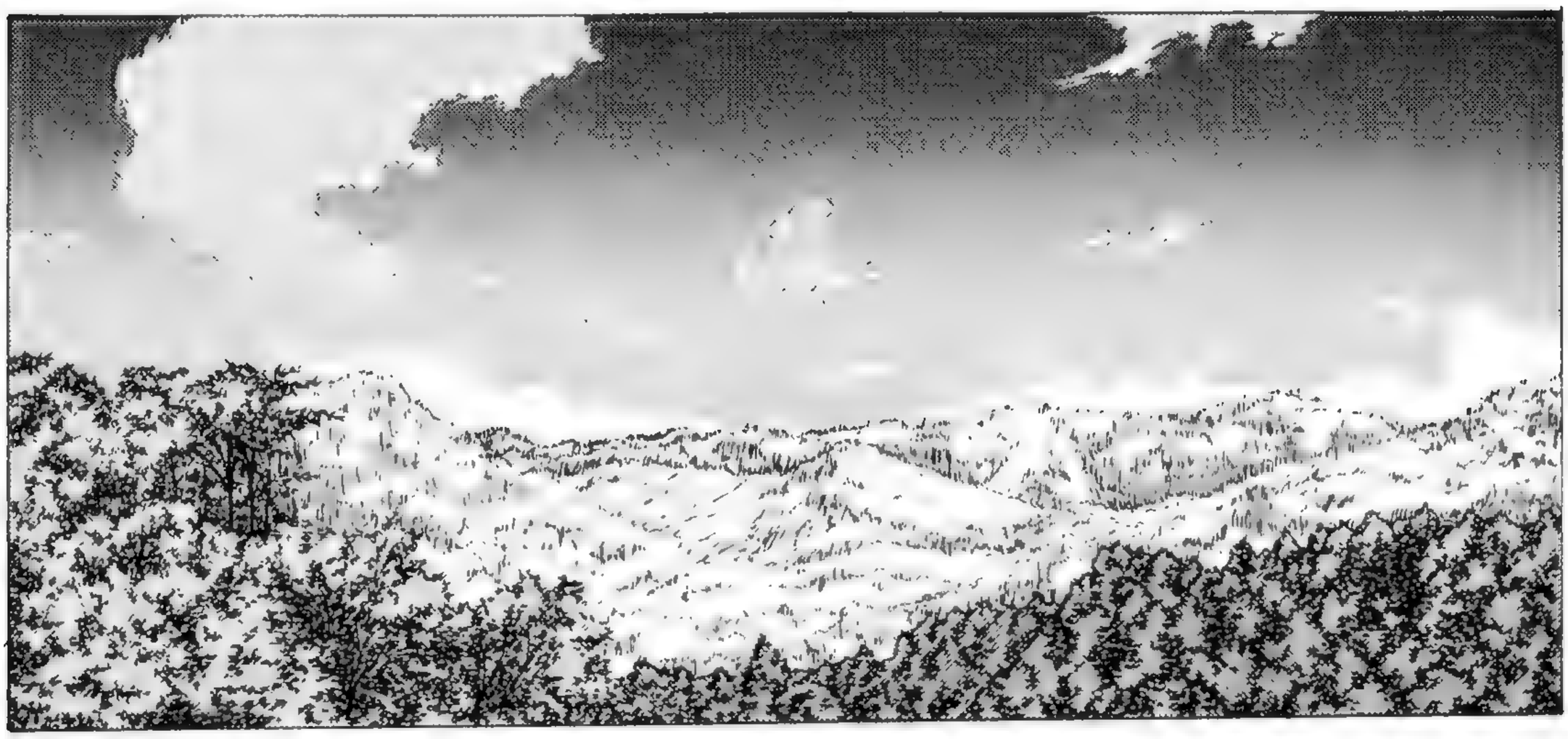
...OF WHAT WITS YOU POSSESS.
SO DON'T RACE AHEAD...


LET'S GO!!

HEH...

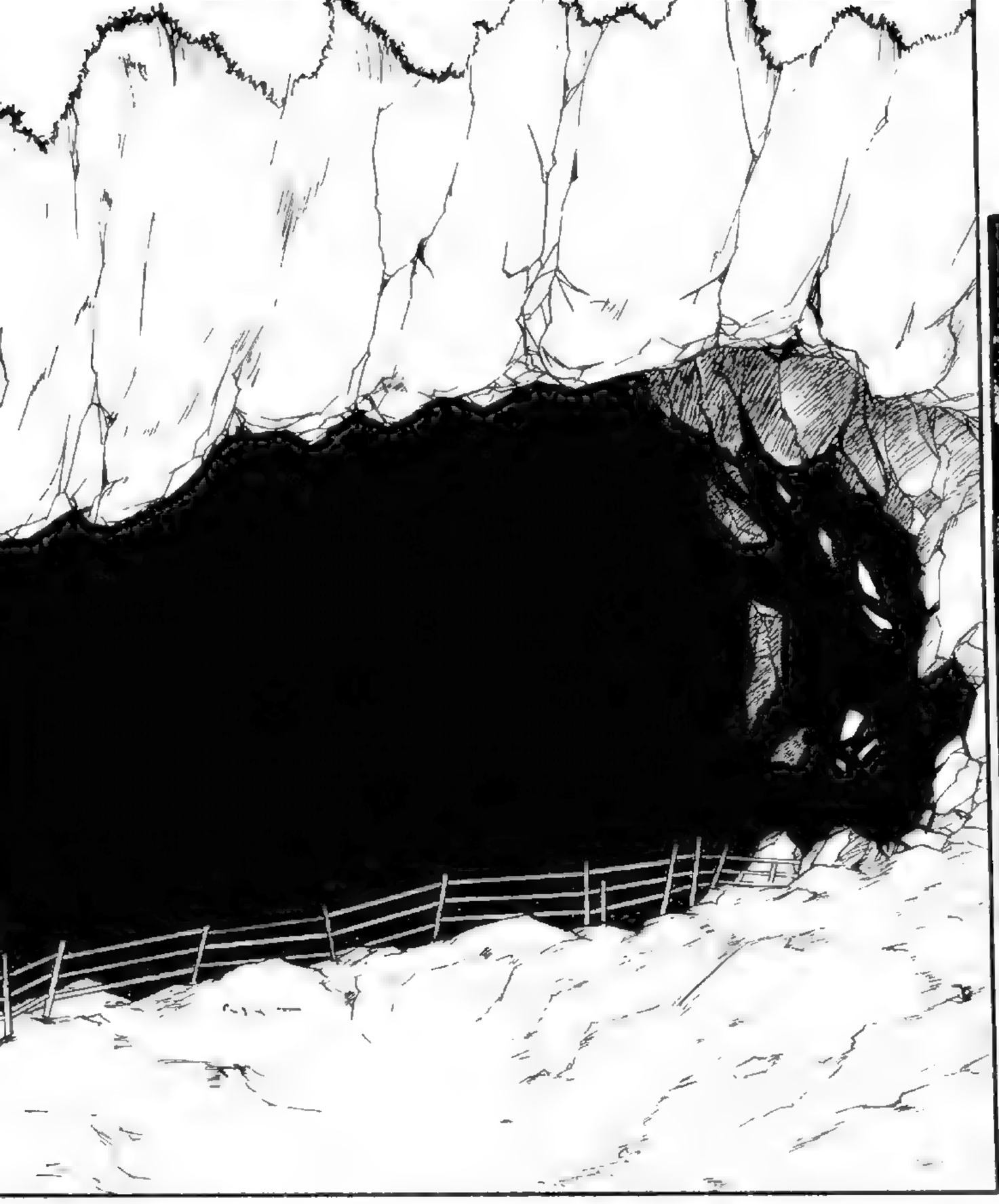
DON'T WORRY...
...WE'LL DRAG SENSUI OUTTA THERE IN NO TIME.

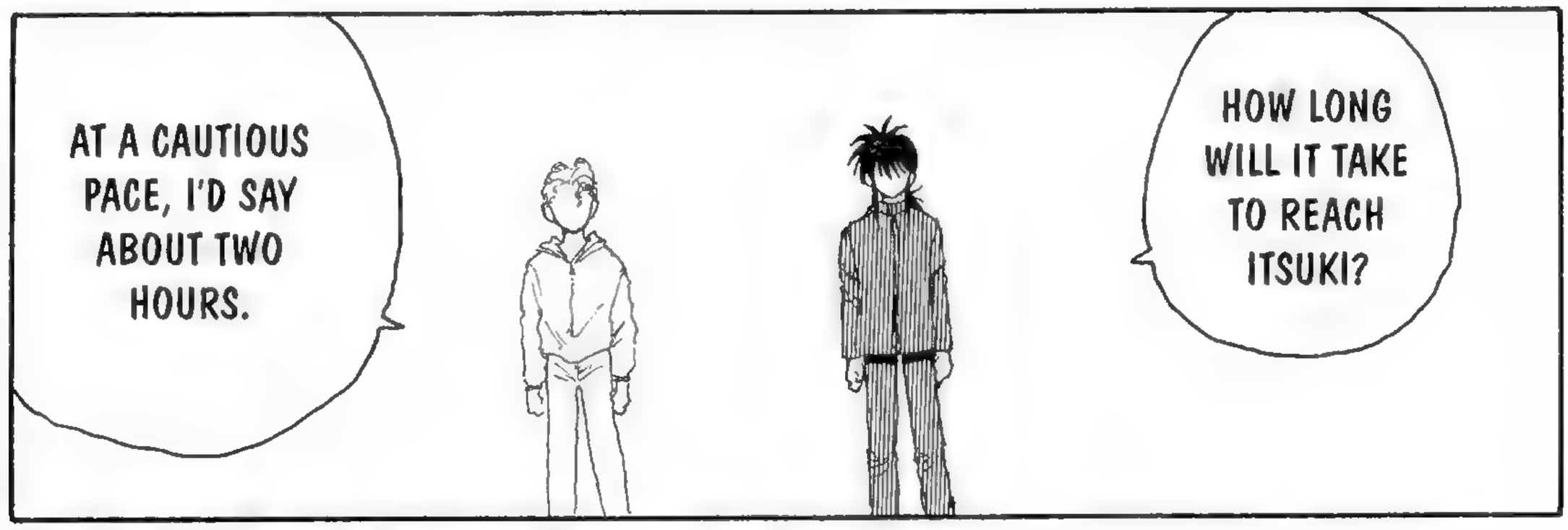




NO TRESPASSING

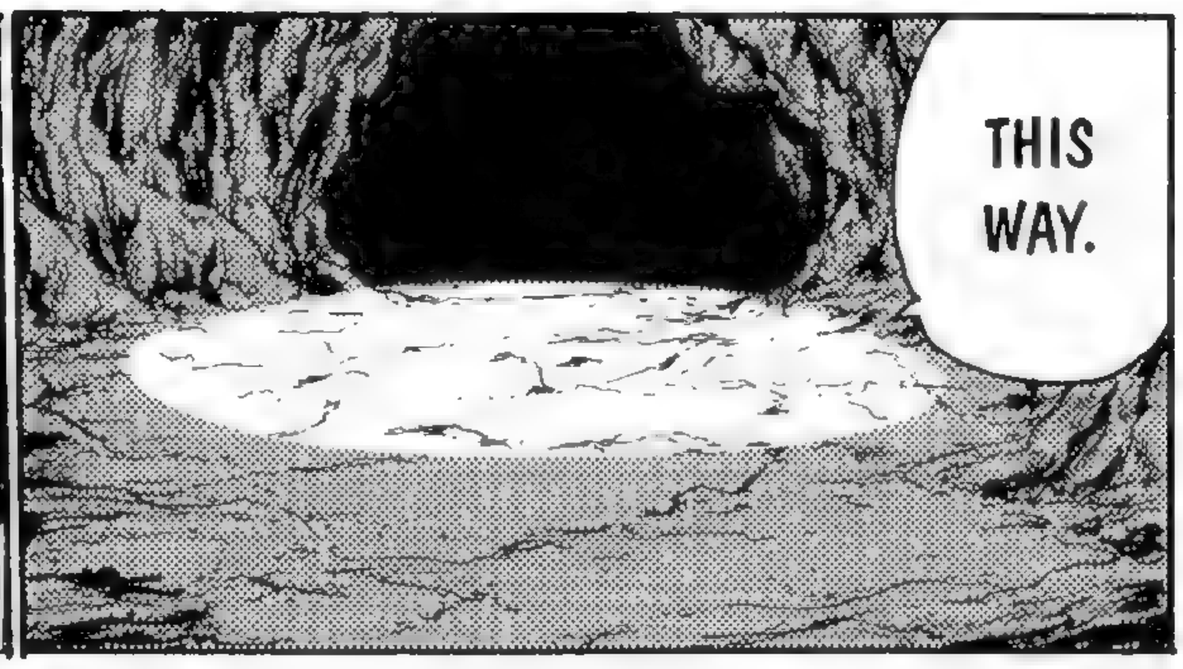
WHEEOOO

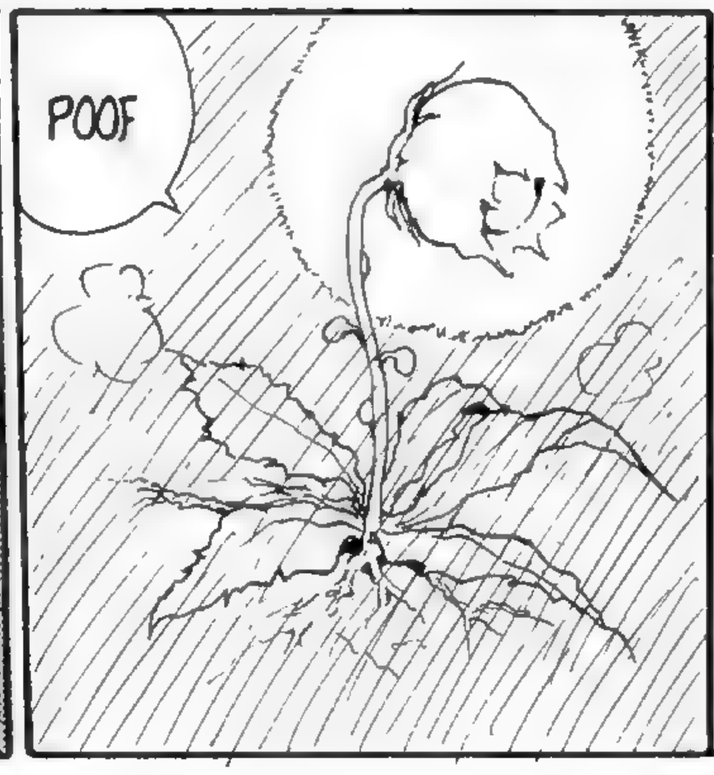



AT A CAUTIOUS PACE, I'D SAY ABOUT TWO HOURS.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO REACH ITSUKI?

IF WE GO UNDETECTED.

COME ON.





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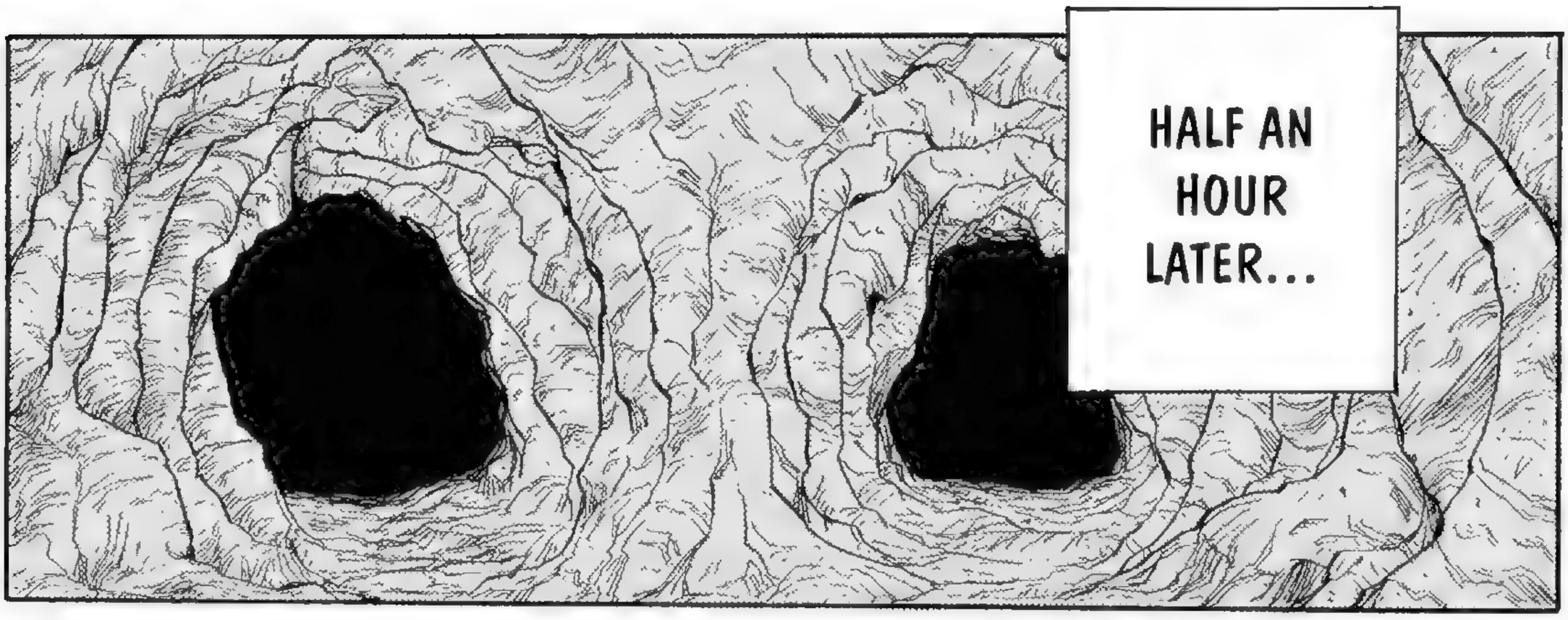
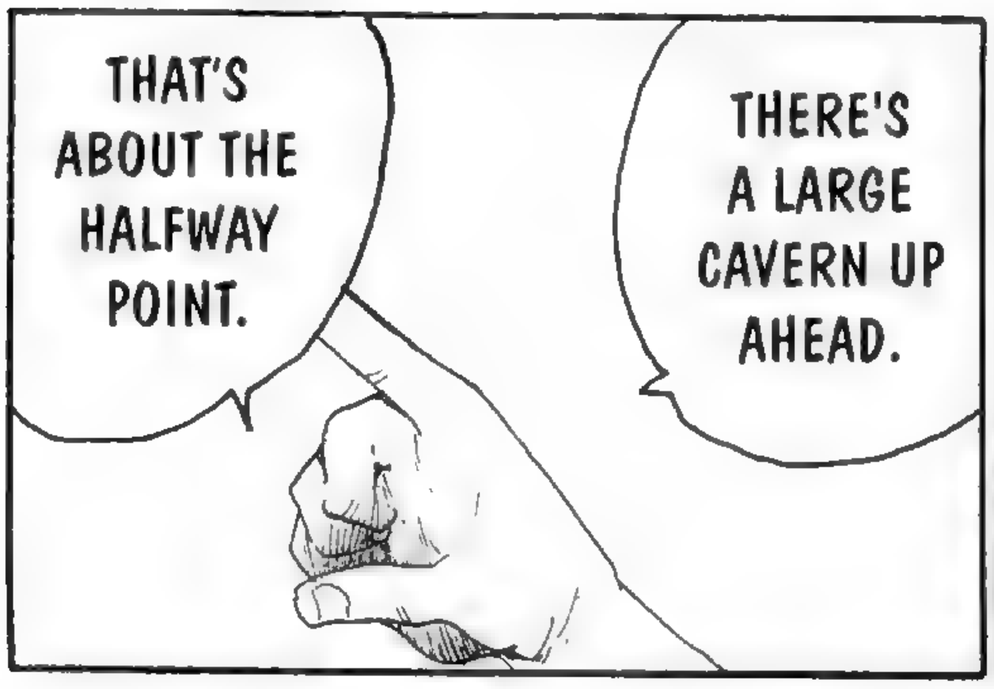
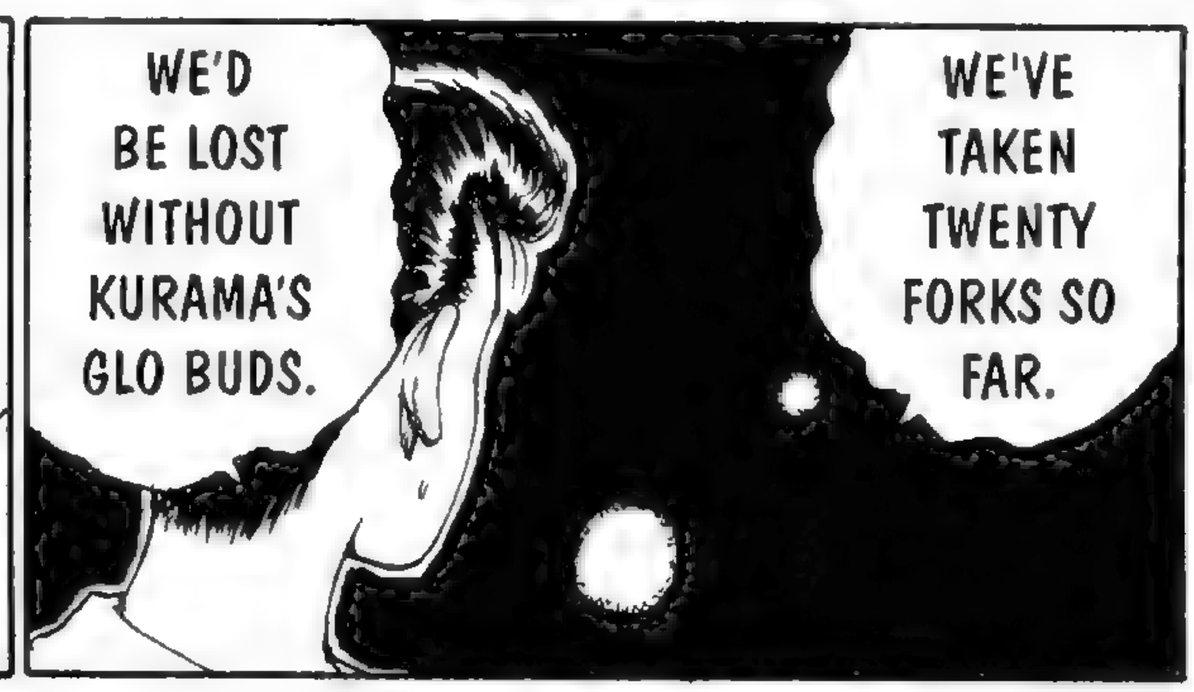
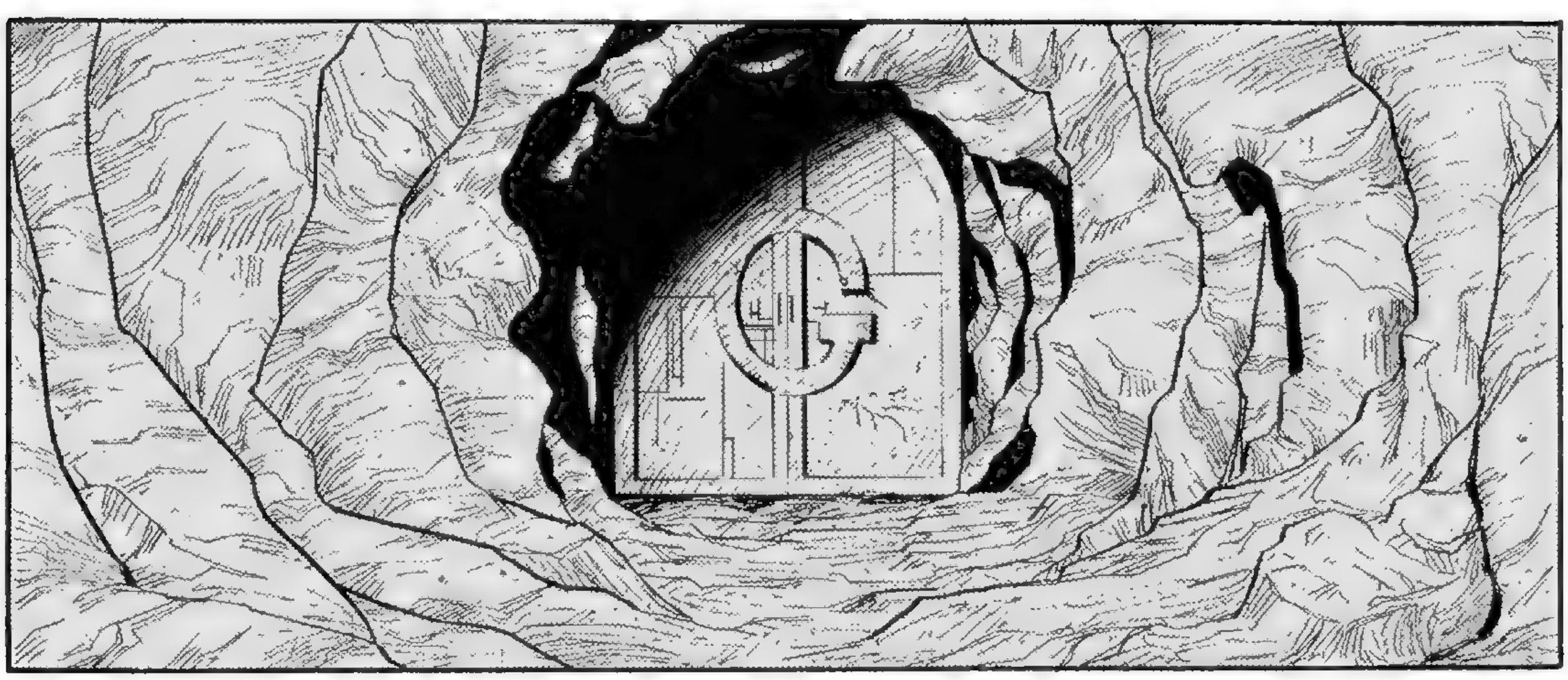

HALF AN HOUR LATER...

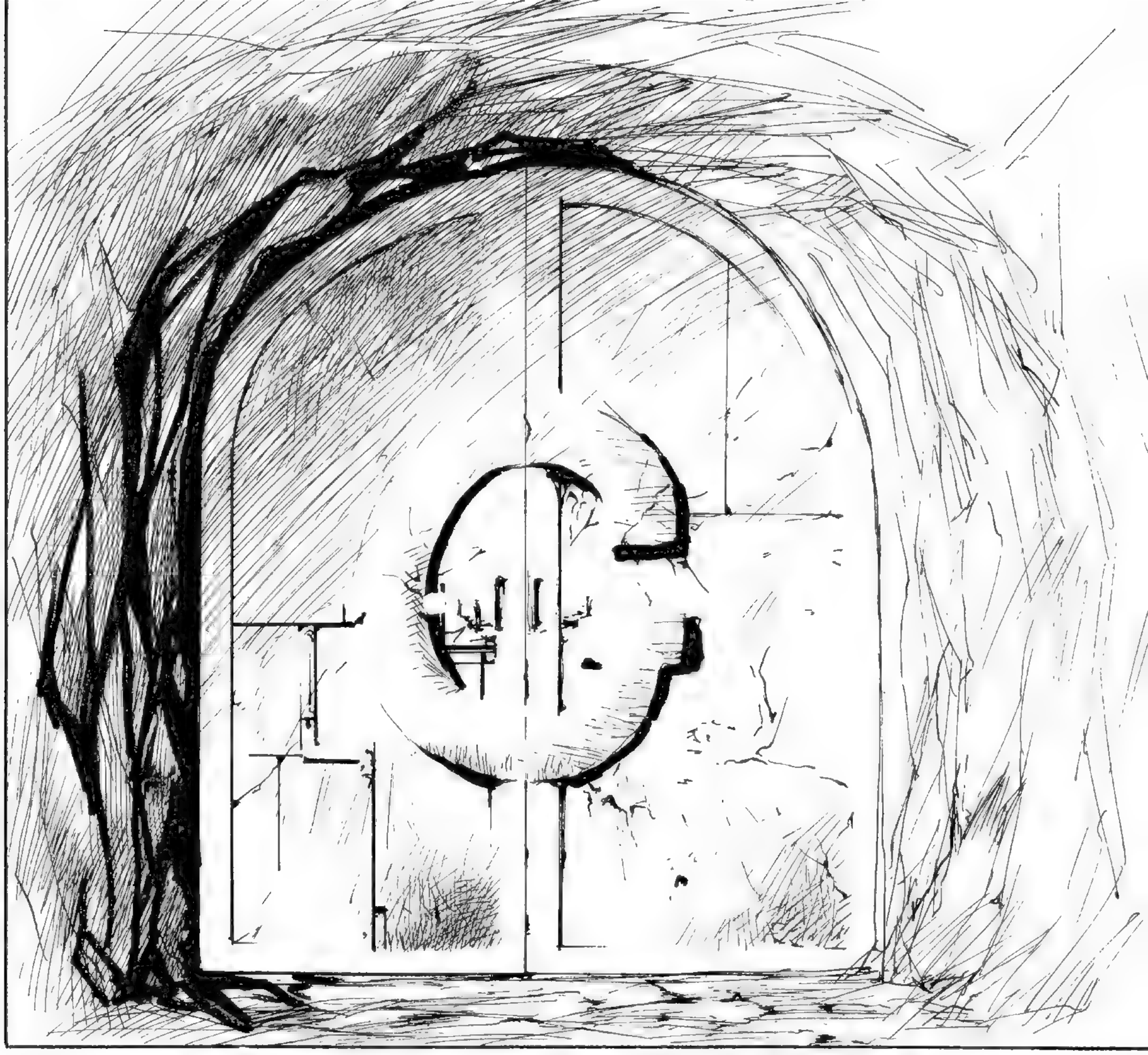

THAT'S ABOUT THE HALFWAY POINT.
THERE'S A LARGE CAVERN UP AHEAD.


WE'D BE LOST WITHOUT KURAMA'S GLO BUDS.
WE'VE TAKEN TWENTY FORKS SO FAR.

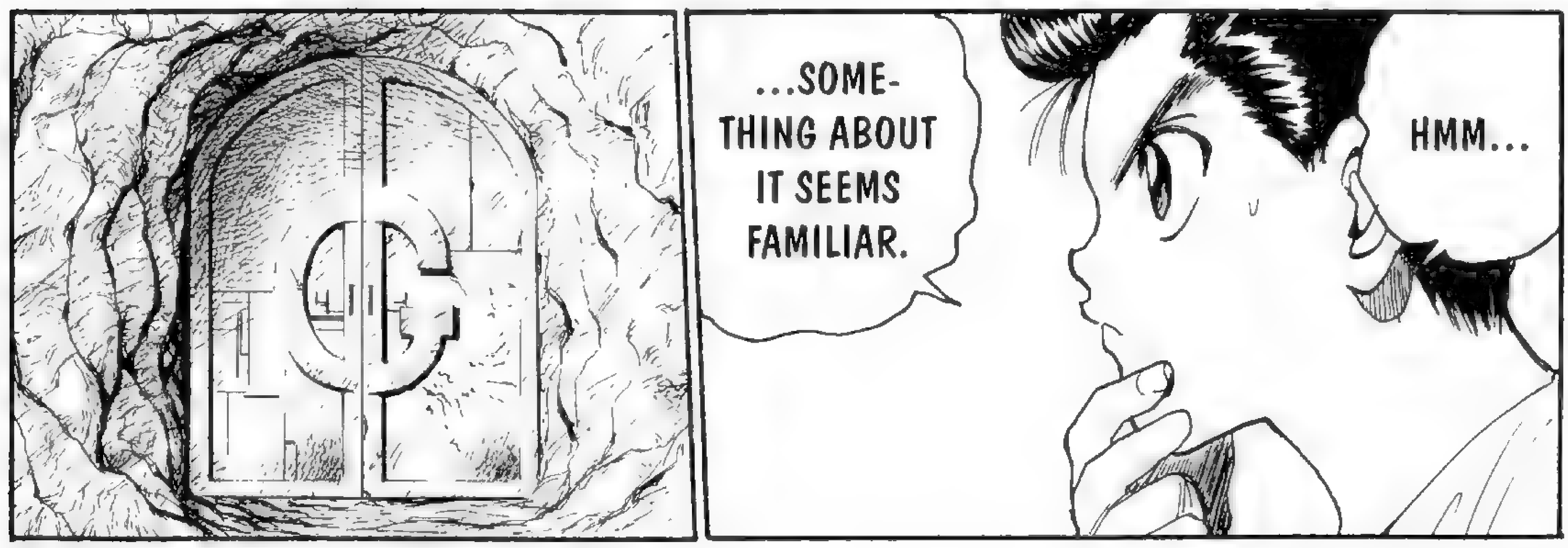
THAT DOOR! IT'S NEW!!
UH-OH...

HOLD IT!!





I'M NOT SURE WHO'S BEHIND THIS.
NO... ITSUKI HAS TO STAY WITH THE PORTAL.
THE GATE-KEEPER'S WORK?


...SOME-THING ABOUT IT SEEMS FAMILIAR.
HMM...

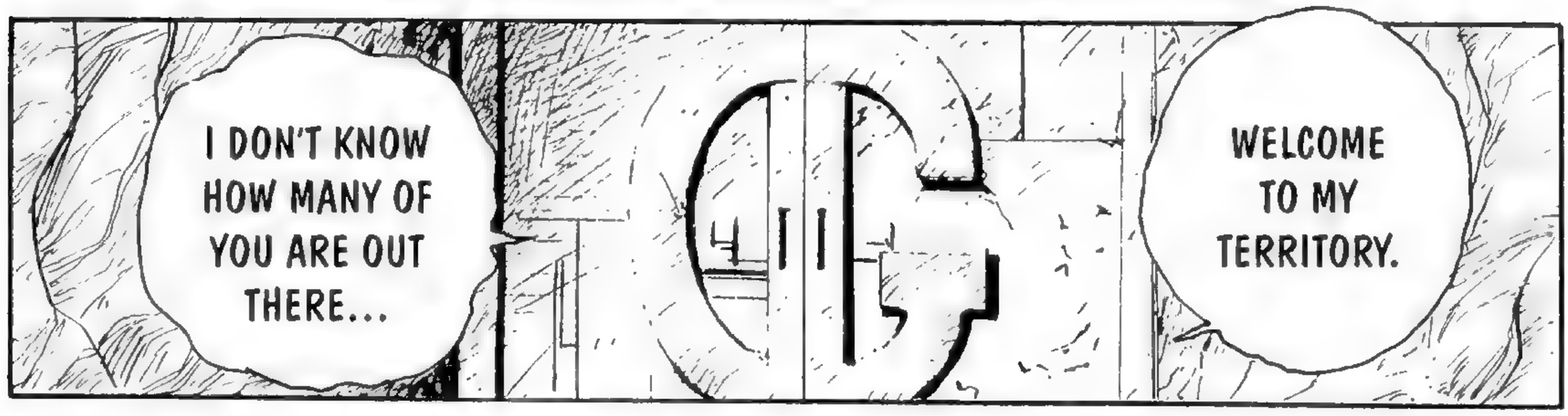
THE CITY WILL ONLY KNOW **PEACE** IF YOU MANAGE TO **DEFEAT THE EVIL GAMER KING!!**

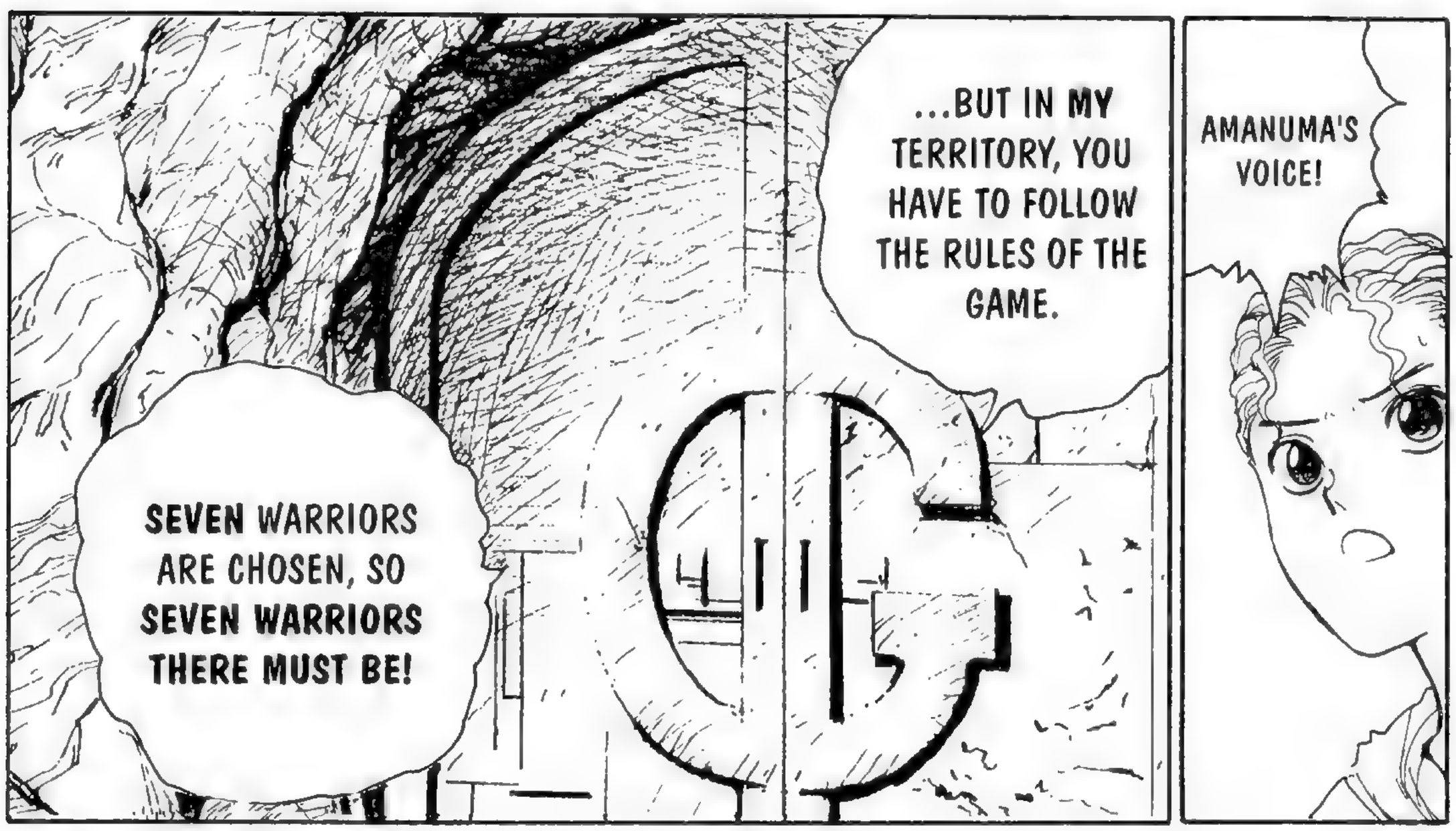
WELCOME TO **DEVIL CITY!!** YOU ARE THE **SEVEN CHOSEN WARRIORS!!**

GAME BATTLER

A GAME WHERE YOU MUST DEFEAT THE EVIL GAMER KING, THE MASTER OF ALL GENRES OF GAMES, TO BRING PEACE TO DEVIL CITY. THE GAMER KING CHALLENGES THE PLAYER WITH SPORTS GAMES, FIGHTING GAMES, TRIVIA GAMES, AND PUZZLE GAMES, AND THE PLAYER MUST WIN FOUR OUT OF SEVEN MATCHES.

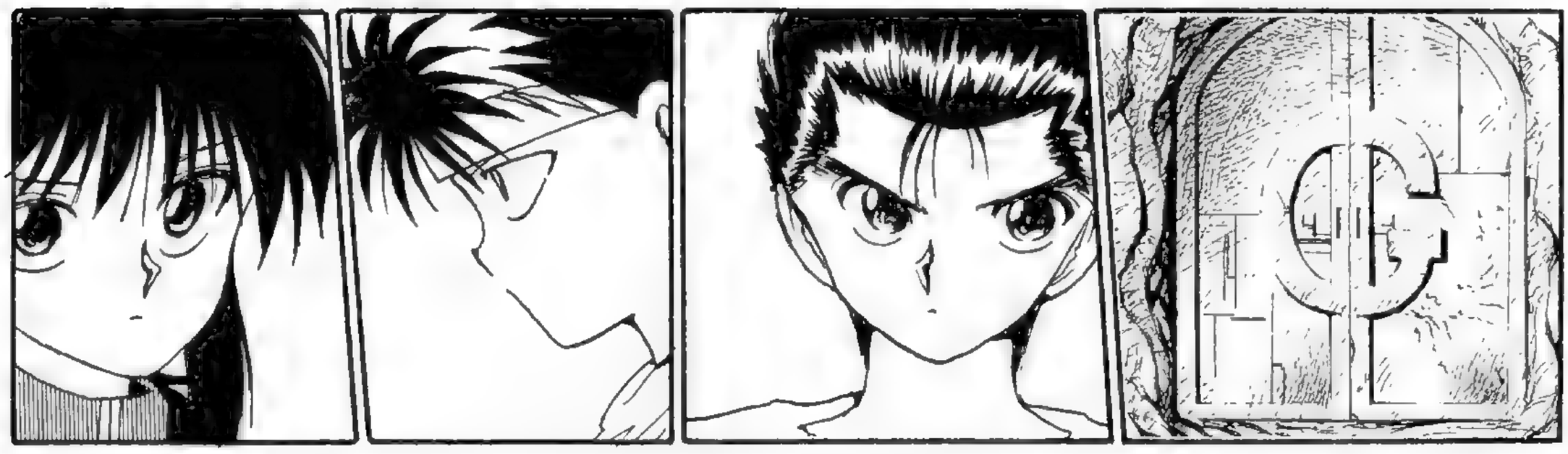
IT'S SO POPULAR THAT KIDS HOLD "BATTLER PARTIES," WHERE FRIENDS WITH DIFFERENT AREAS OF EXPERTISE BAND TOGETHER TO TRY TO WIN THE GAME.





ANYONE WHO ISN'T A PART OF THE GAME CAN'T SET FOOT INSIDE HIS TERRITORY.

AMANUMA'S TERRITORY RECREATES GAMES IN REAL LIFE.



WE CAN'T GO FORWARD WITHOUT OUR ENTIRE GROUP.

IT ALSO TRUMPS OUR STRATEGY.

HE MUST THINK A LOT OF HIS GAMING SKILLS.

SO WE HAVE TO JOIN IN, EH?

IT'LL TAKE TIME, BUT WE DON'T DARE SPLIT UP.

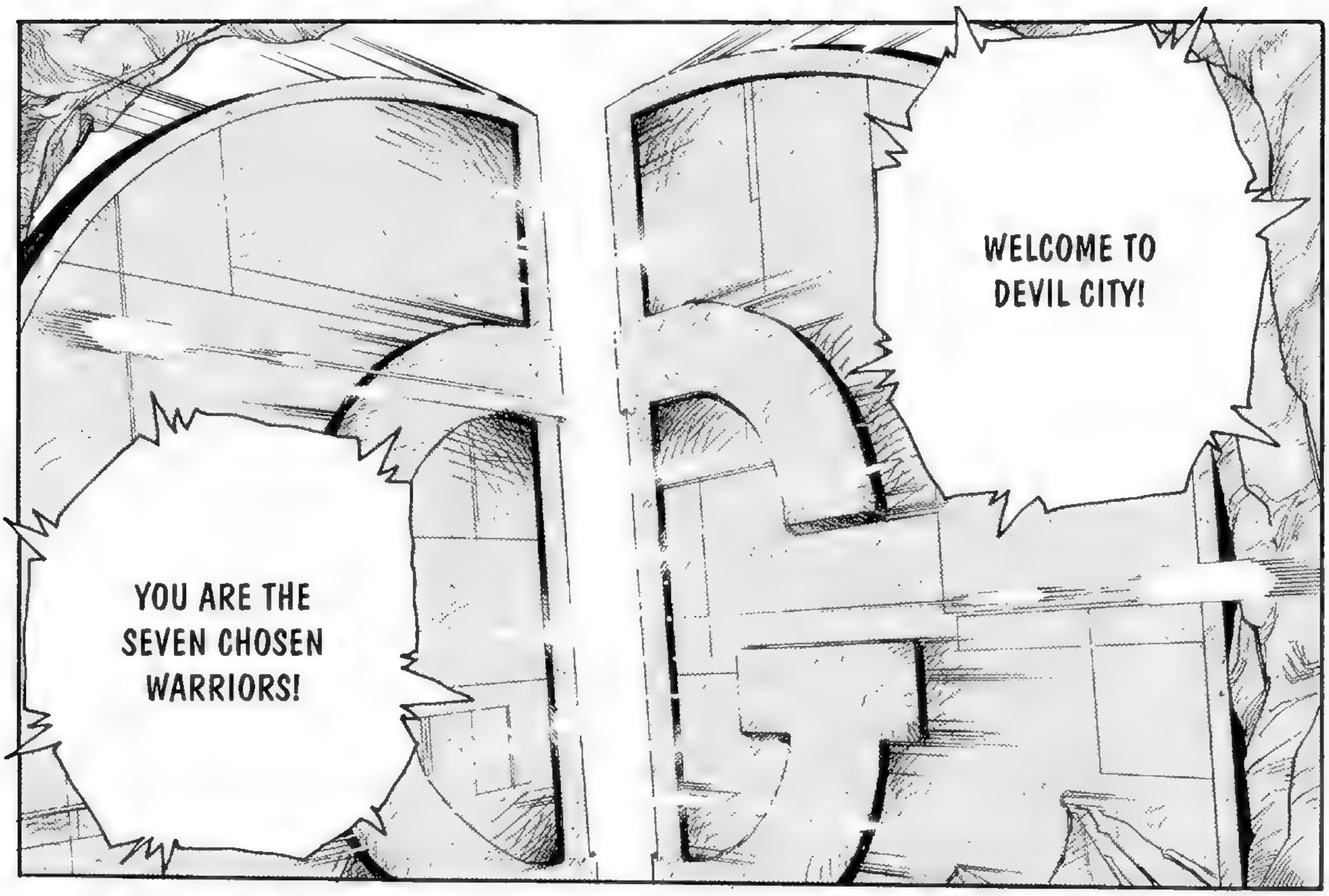
NO! WE ALL GO!

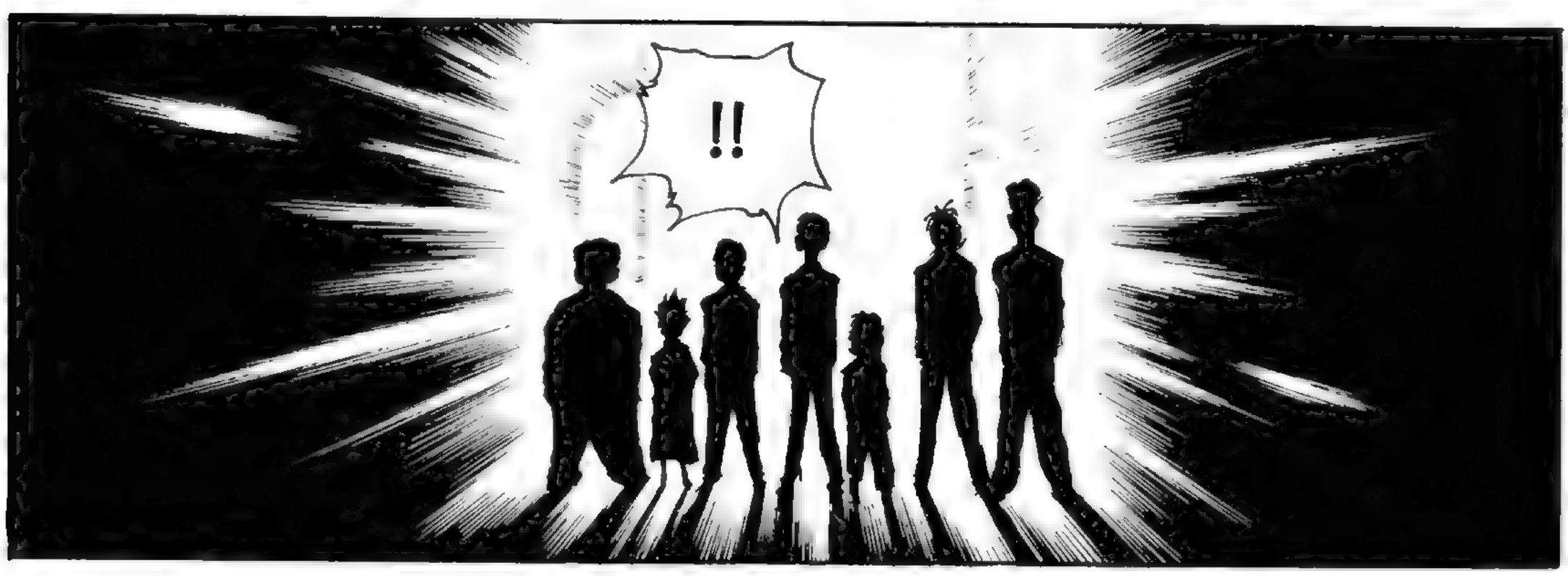
WAIT HERE! I'LL GO FETCH THE OTHERS!

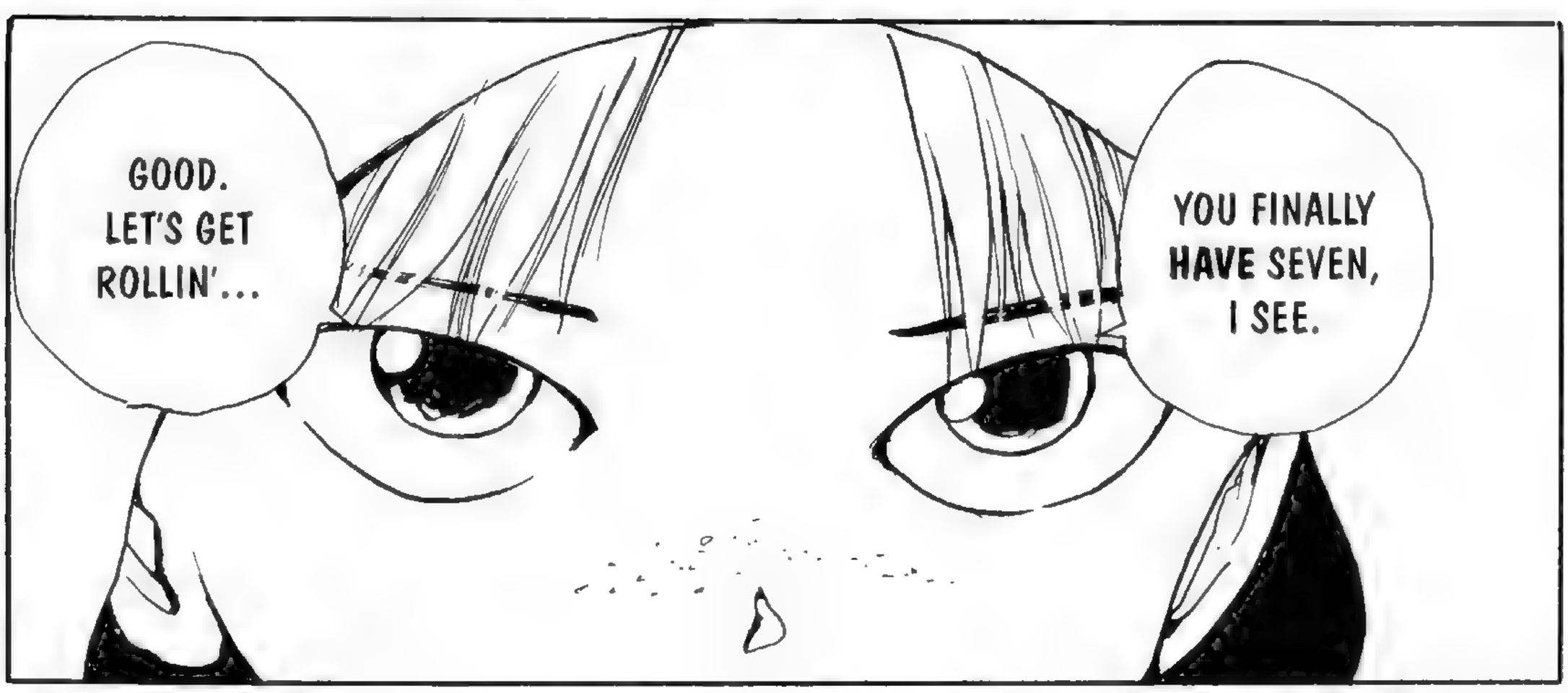
TWO HOURS LATER...

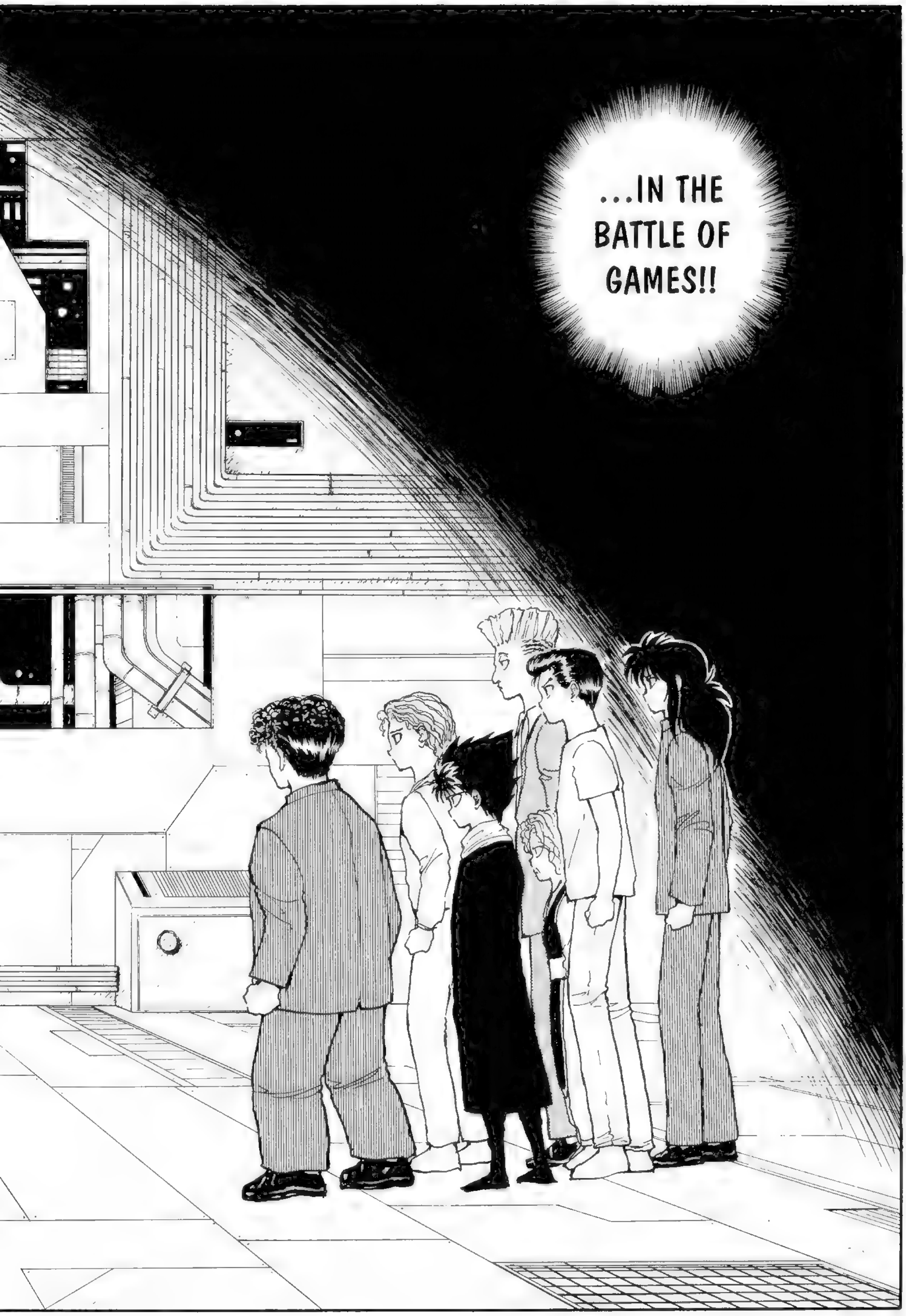
OH BROTHER...

BEST AT GAMES!!

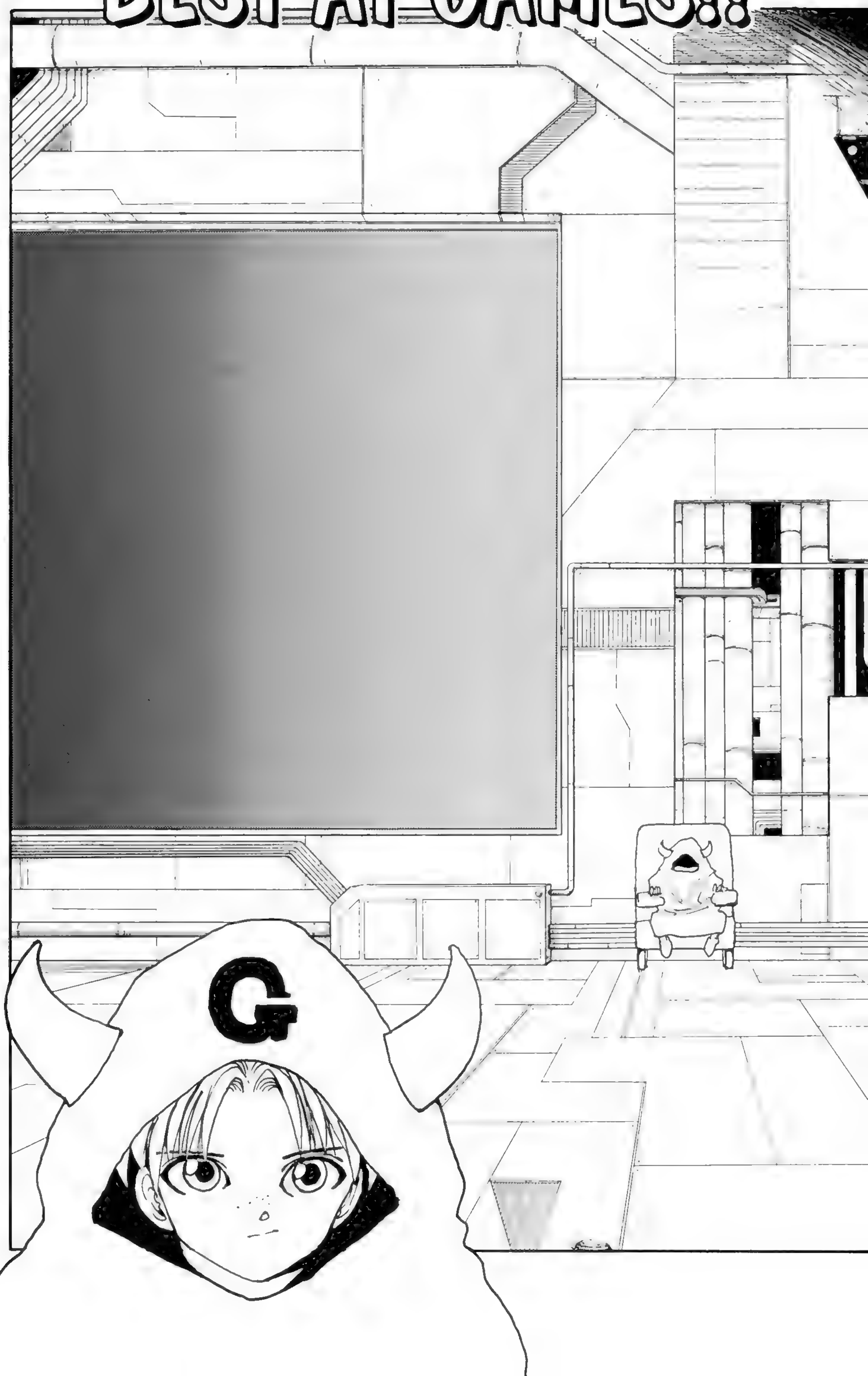


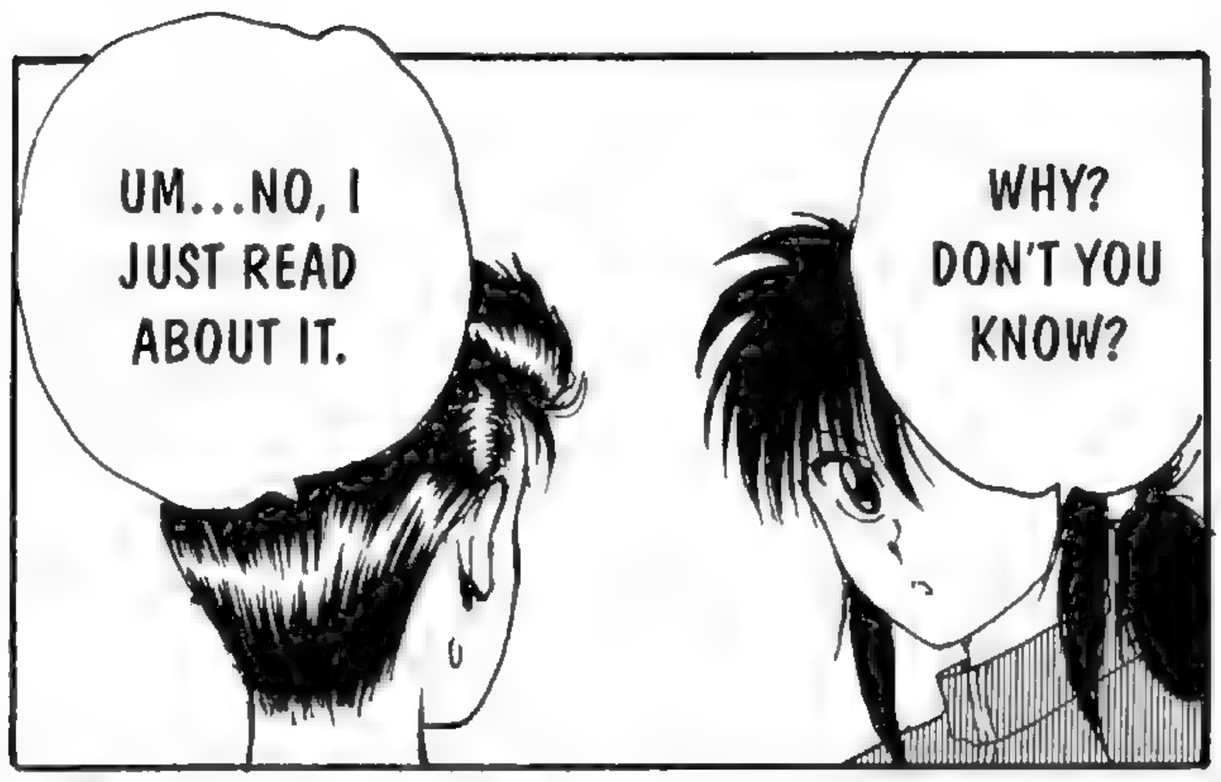


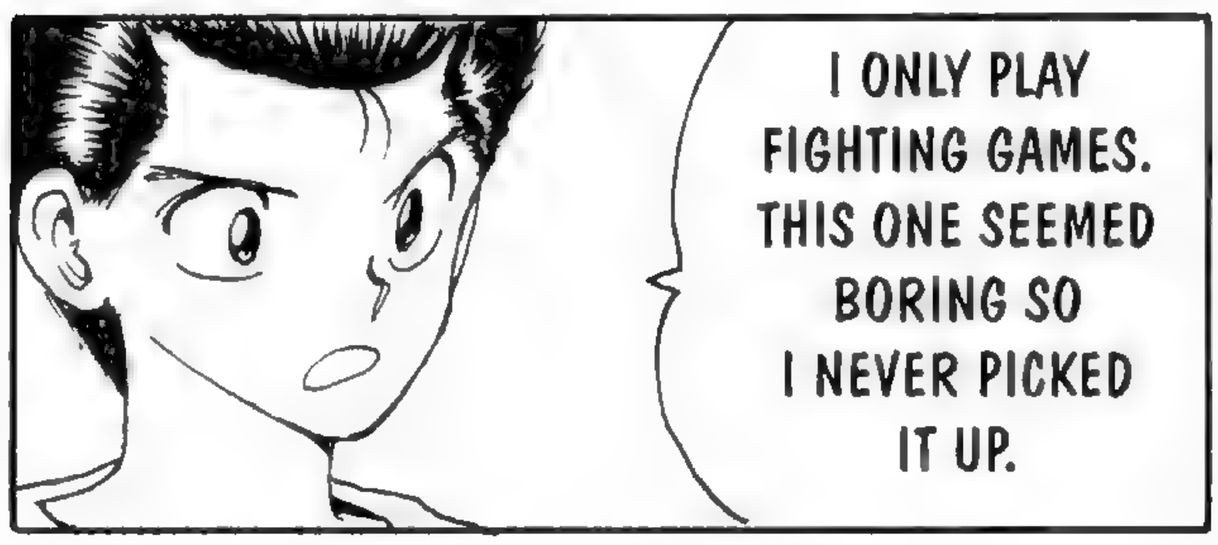



...IN THE BATTLE OF GAMES!!

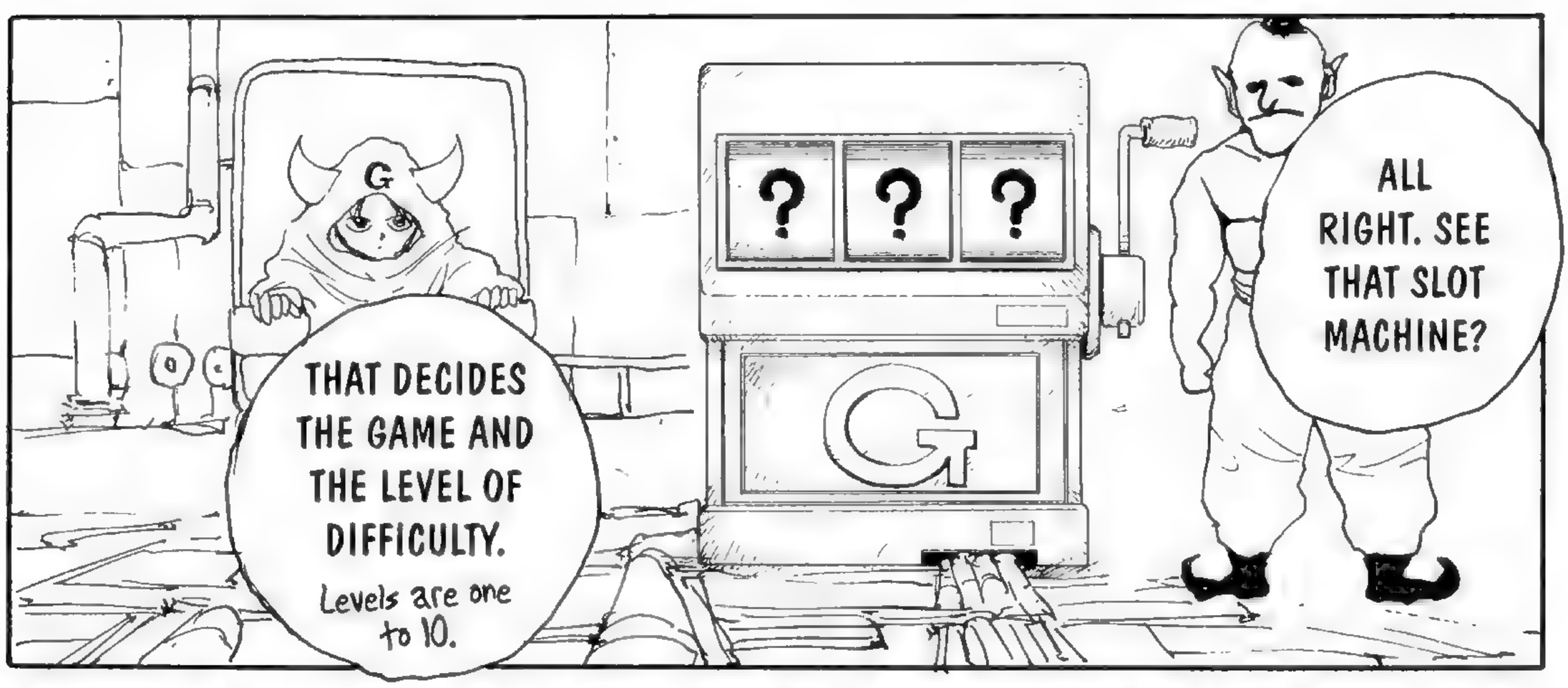
BEST AT GAMES!!




UM...NO, I JUST READ ABOUT IT.
WHY? DON'T YOU KNOW?

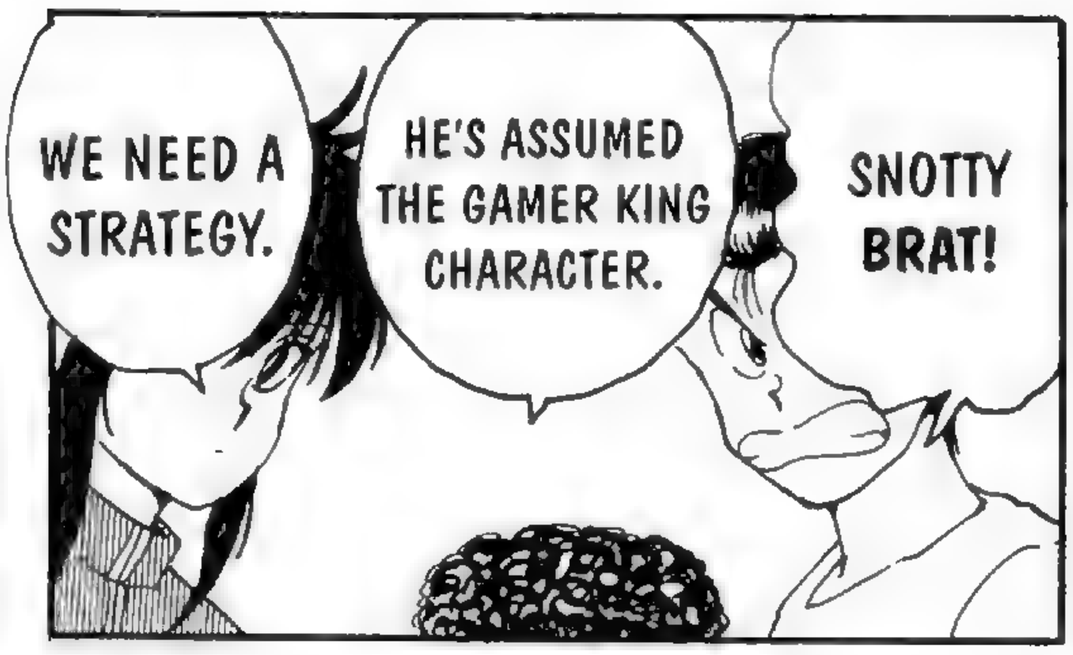

I ONLY PLAY FIGHTING GAMES. THIS ONE SEEMED BORING SO I NEVER PICKED IT UP.

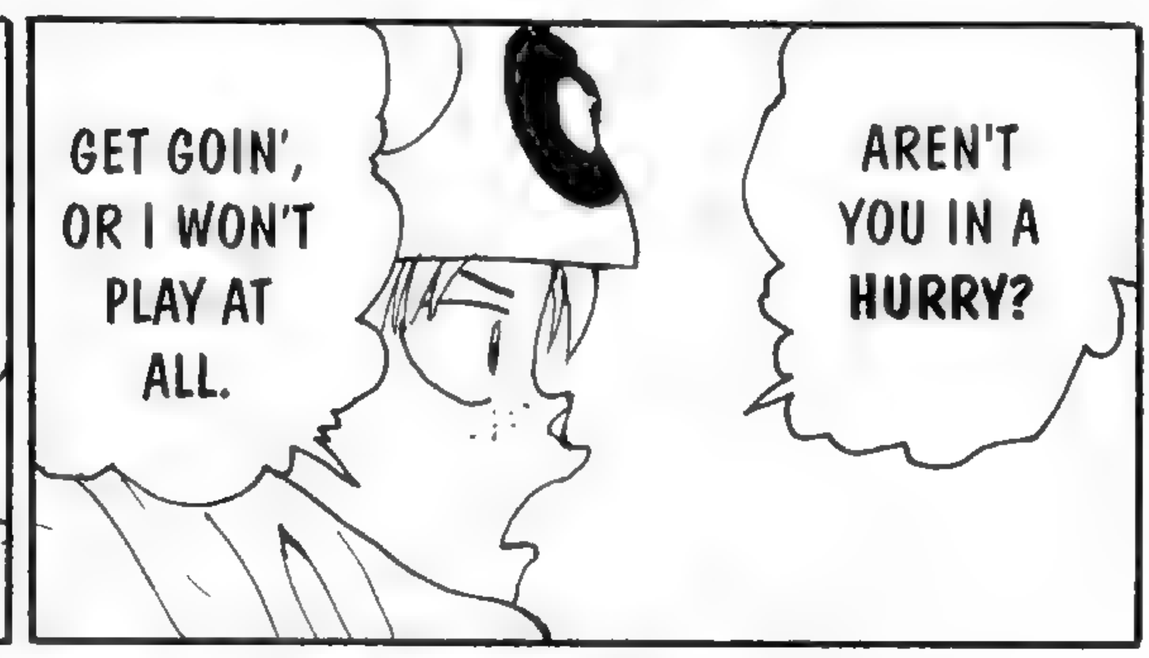
HOW IS THIS GAME PLAYED, KURAMA?


THAT DECIDES THE GAME AND THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY.
Levels are one to 10.
ALL RIGHT. SEE THAT SLOT MACHINE?

WE PLAY ONE GAME EACH, FOR A BEST OF SEVEN.

I MEAN, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE JABBER, HUH?
G
SO, ARE YOU READY?


WE NEED A STRATEGY.
HE'S ASSUMED THE GAMER KING CHARACTER.
SNOTTY BRAT!

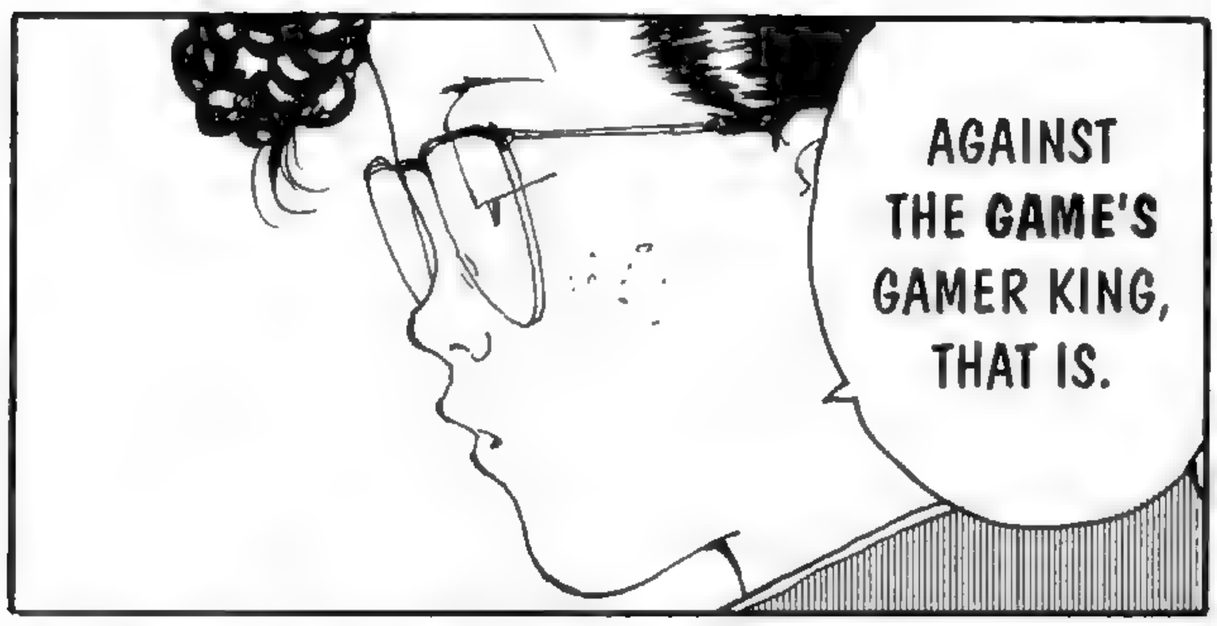

GET GOIN', OR I WON'T PLAY AT ALL.
AREN'T YOU IN A HURRY?

AND ME.
ME TOO.
I HAVE.
WHO'S PLAYED THIS GAME BEFORE?

...BUT WHO'S ACTUALLY WON THE GAME?

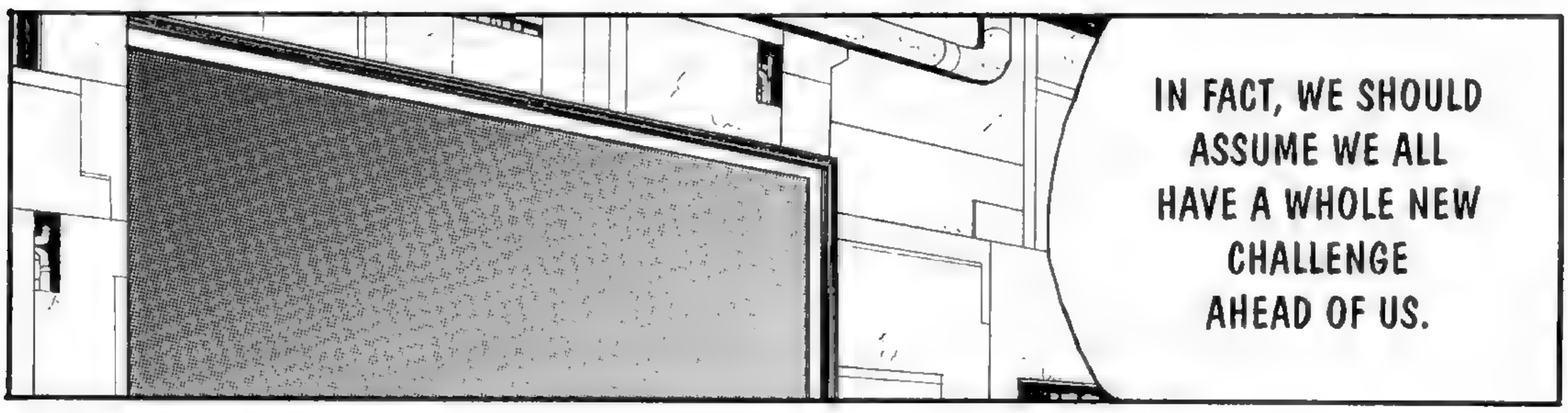
WITH ME, THAT'S FOUR...

YEP. PRETTY GOOD AT IT, TOO.
YOU'VE PLAYED THIS GAME?!


AGAINST THE GAME'S GAMER KING, THAT IS.

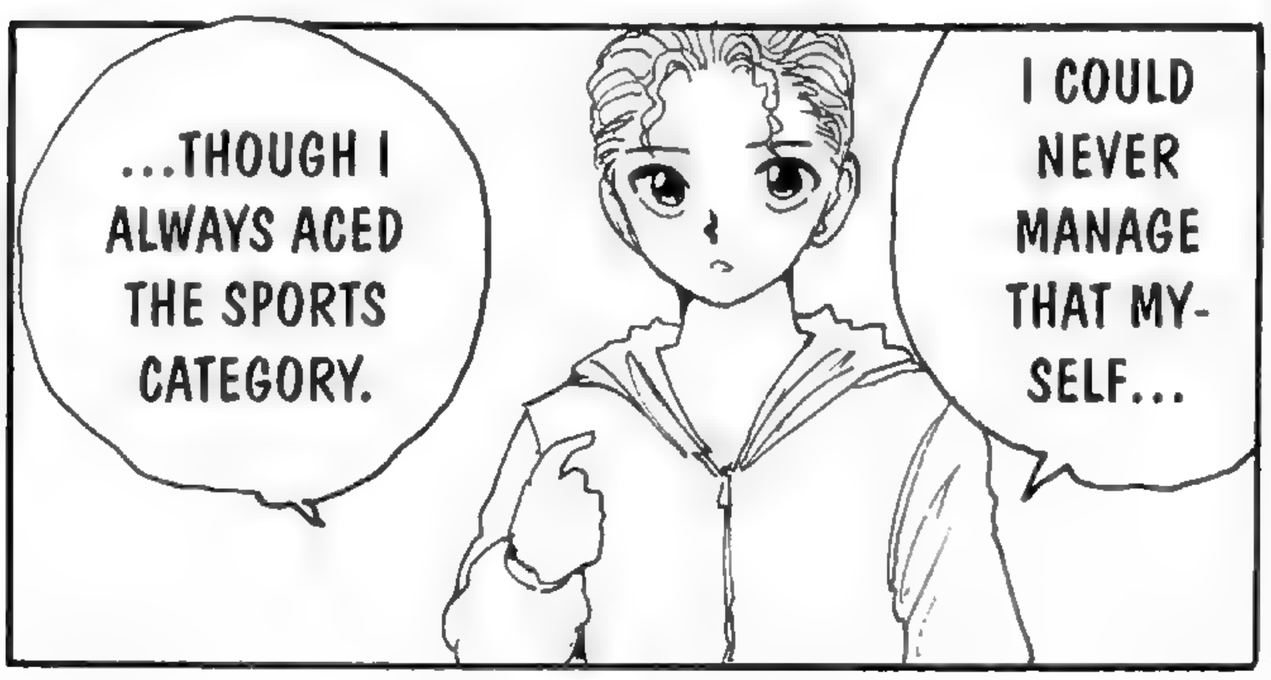
YEAH...A REAL-LIFE GAMER KING COULD BE A TRICKIER PROPOSITION.

I'VE WON SEVEN TIMES OUT OF 10.
I ONCE GOT THROUGH ALL LEVELS.

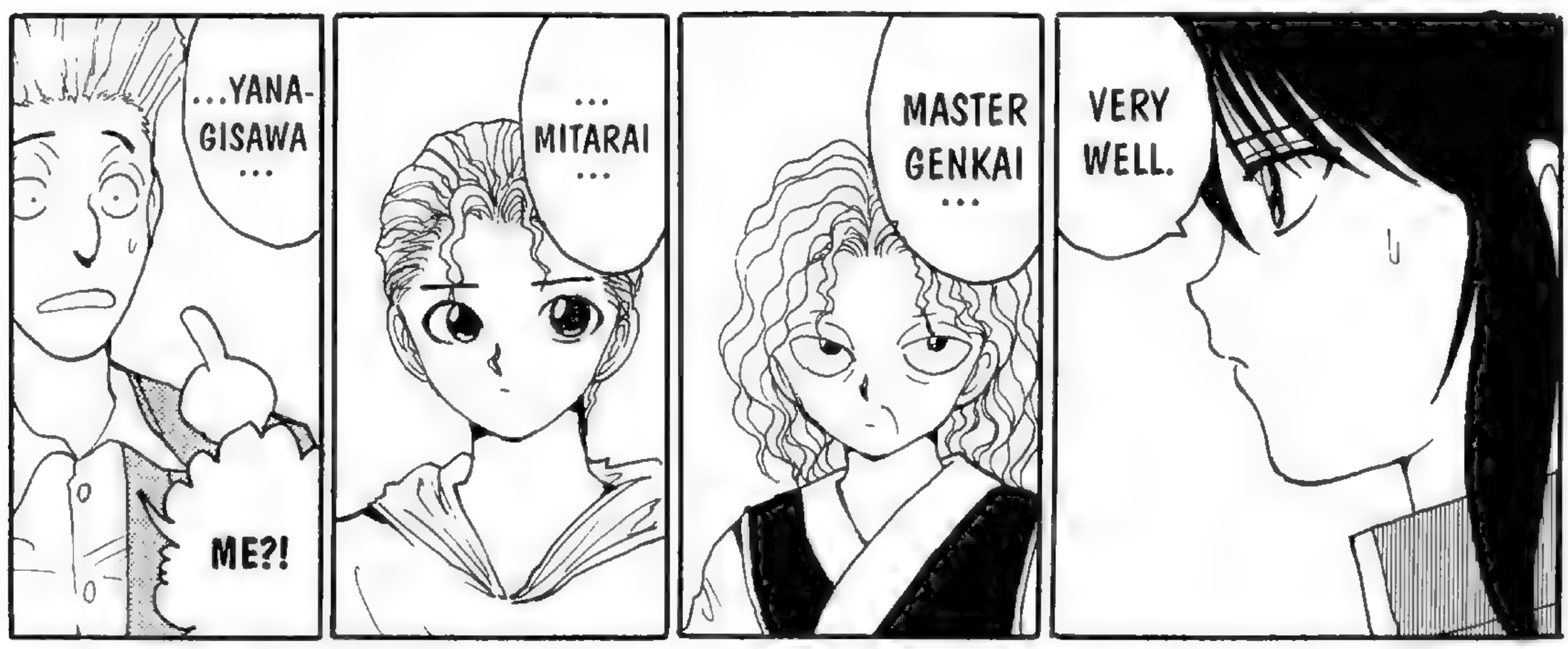

IN FACT, WE SHOULD ASSUME WE ALL HAVE A WHOLE NEW CHALLENGE AHEAD OF US.

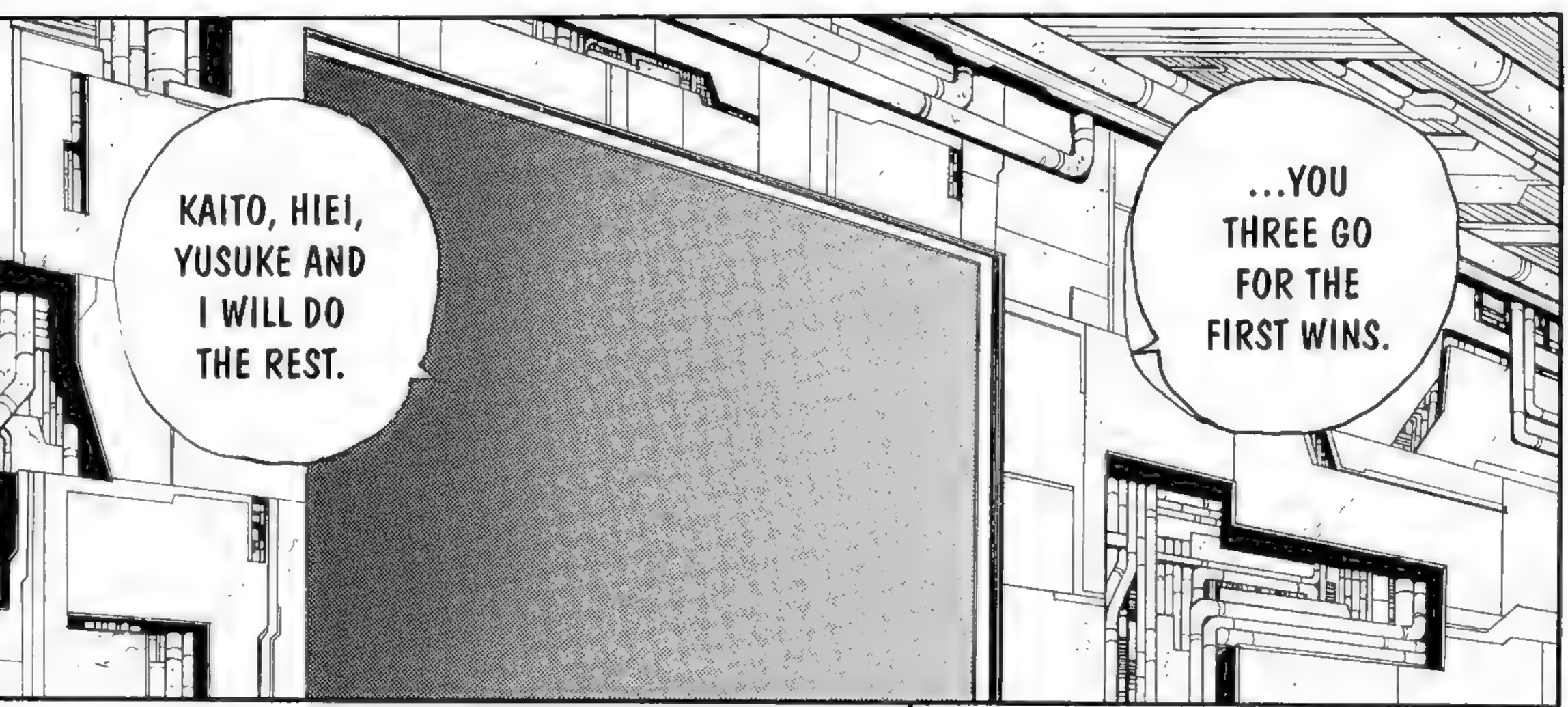
THE GAMER KING LETS HIS MINIONS FIGHT UNTIL HIS OPPONENTS MANAGE THREE WINS.

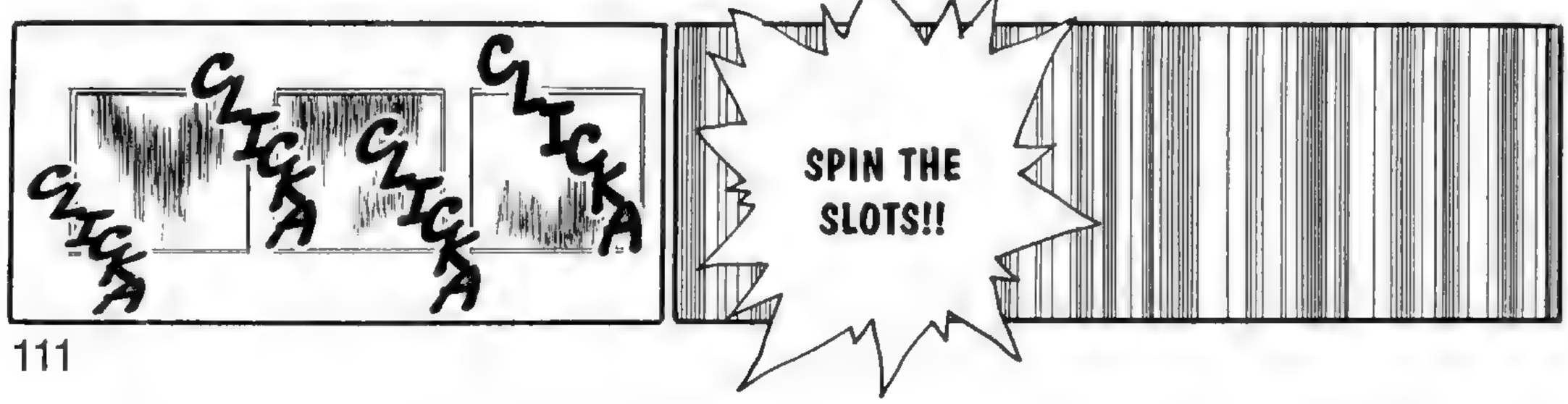
HUH?
WE WANT THREE WINS IN A ROW STRAIGHT OFF.


...THOUGH I ALWAYS ACED THE SPORTS CATEGORY.
I COULD NEVER MANAGE THAT MY-SELF...

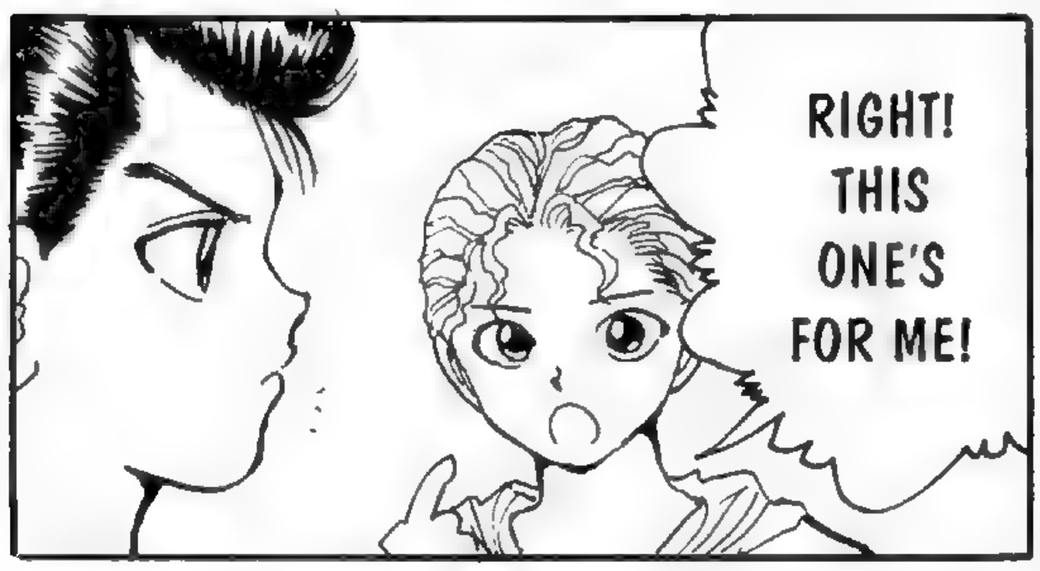
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
BRRRT! TIME'S UP!


...YANA-GISAWA ...
ME?!
... MITARAI ...
MASTER GENKAI ...
VERY WELL.

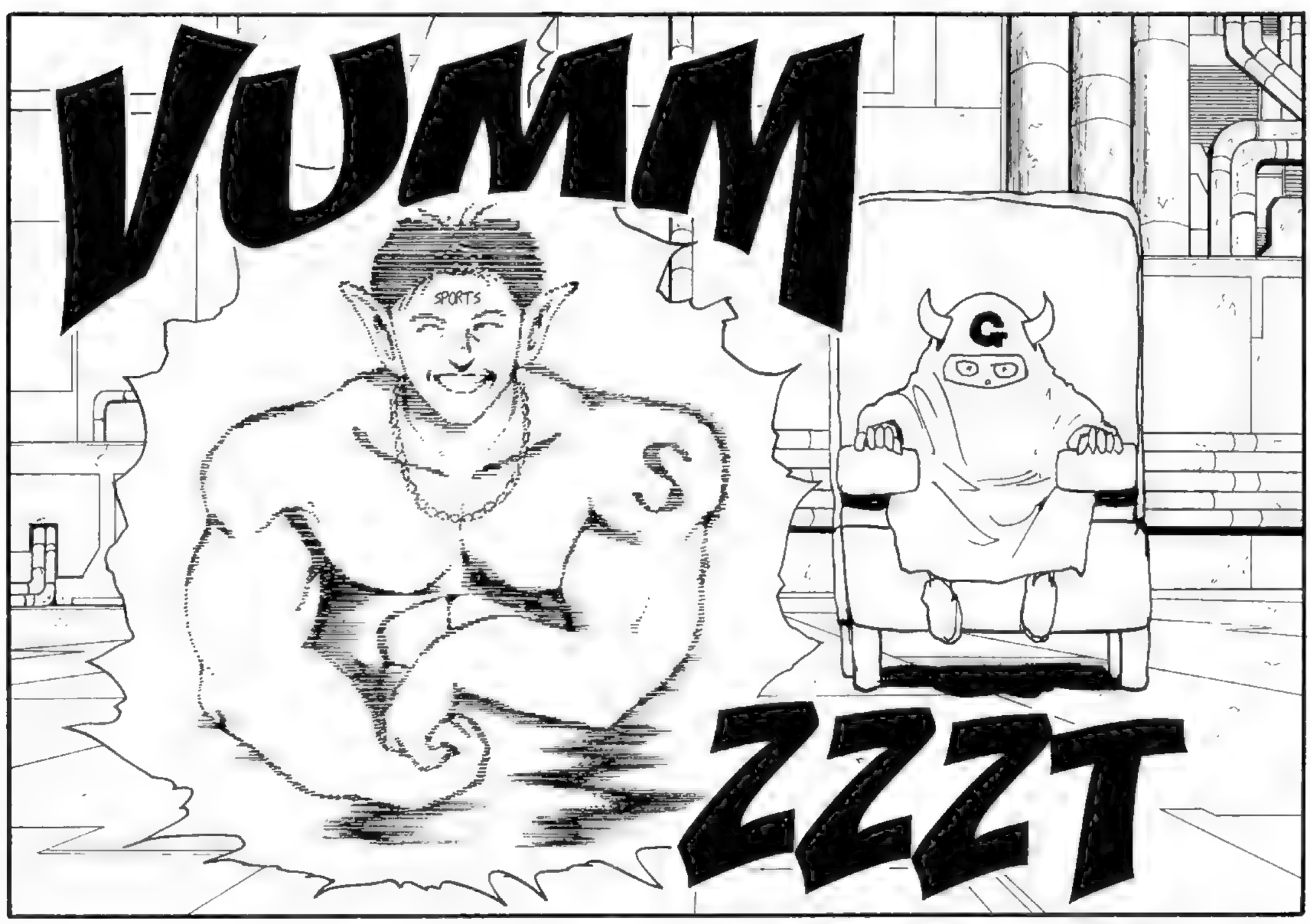

KAITO, HIEI, YUSUKE AND I WILL DO THE REST.
...YOU THREE GO FOR THE FIRST WINS.


CLICKA
CLICKA
CLICKA
CLICKA
SPIN THE SLOTS!!

THE FIRST GAME IS TENNIS.


RIGHT! THIS ONE'S FOR ME!

DING
SPORTS
TENNIS
LEVEL 7

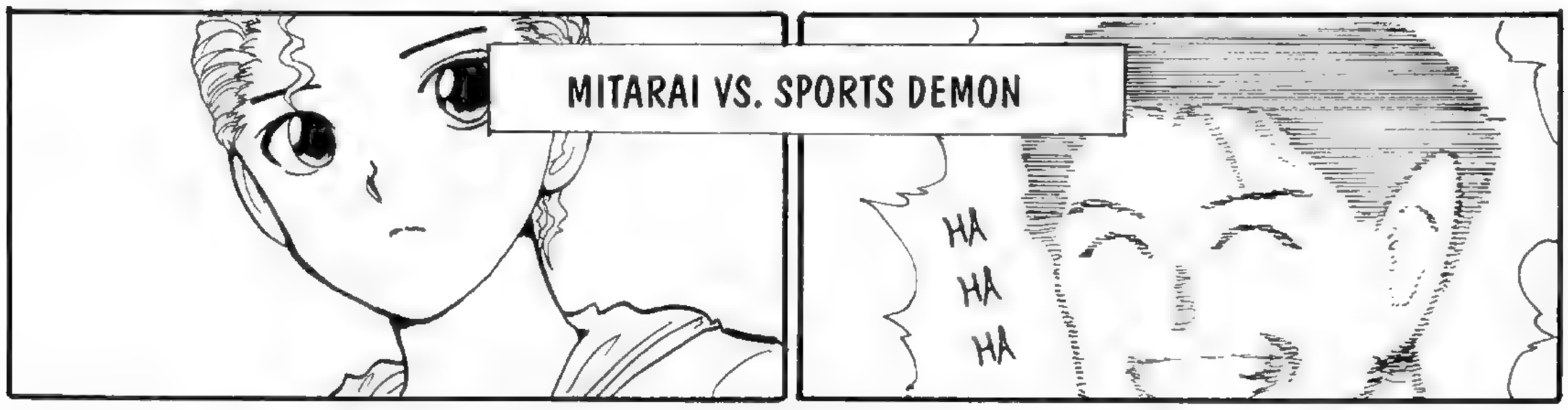

VUMM
SPORTS
ZZZT

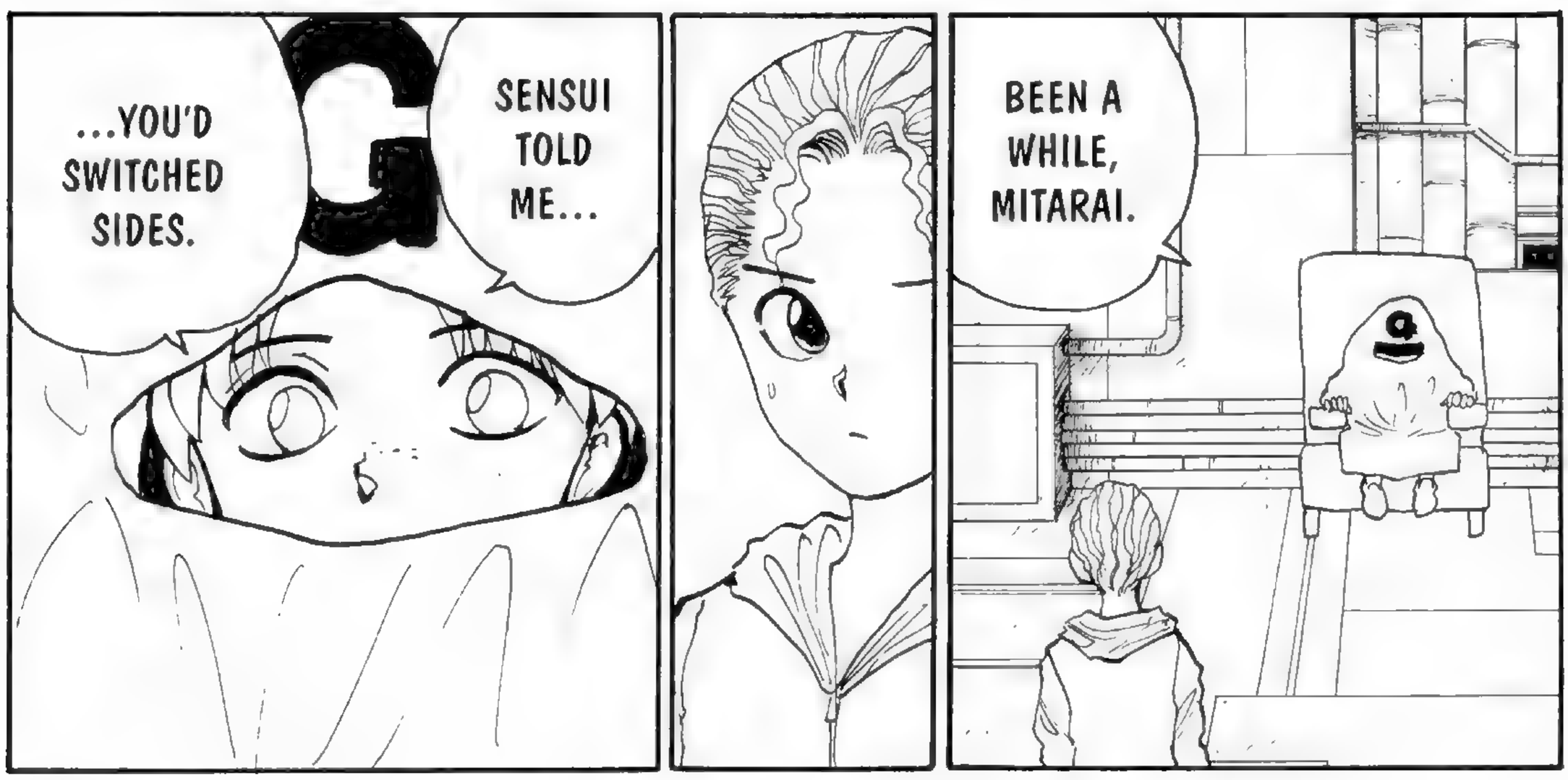
THAT SOUND FAIR ENOUGH TO YOU?
BY THE WAY, MY MINIONS HAVE THE SAME SKILL SETTINGS AS IN THE VIDEO GAME.

BATTLE TENNIS

START

BLEEP





IF THAT'S SO, YOU'RE A HECK OF AN ACTOR. KEEP IN MIND IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REJOIN US.

OR ARE YOU ONLY **PRETENDING** TO, AND JUST STRINGING THEM ALONG?

RENDRA.

PLEASE SELECT YOUR PLAYER.

THE FIRST TO TAKE THREE SETS WINS THE MATCH.

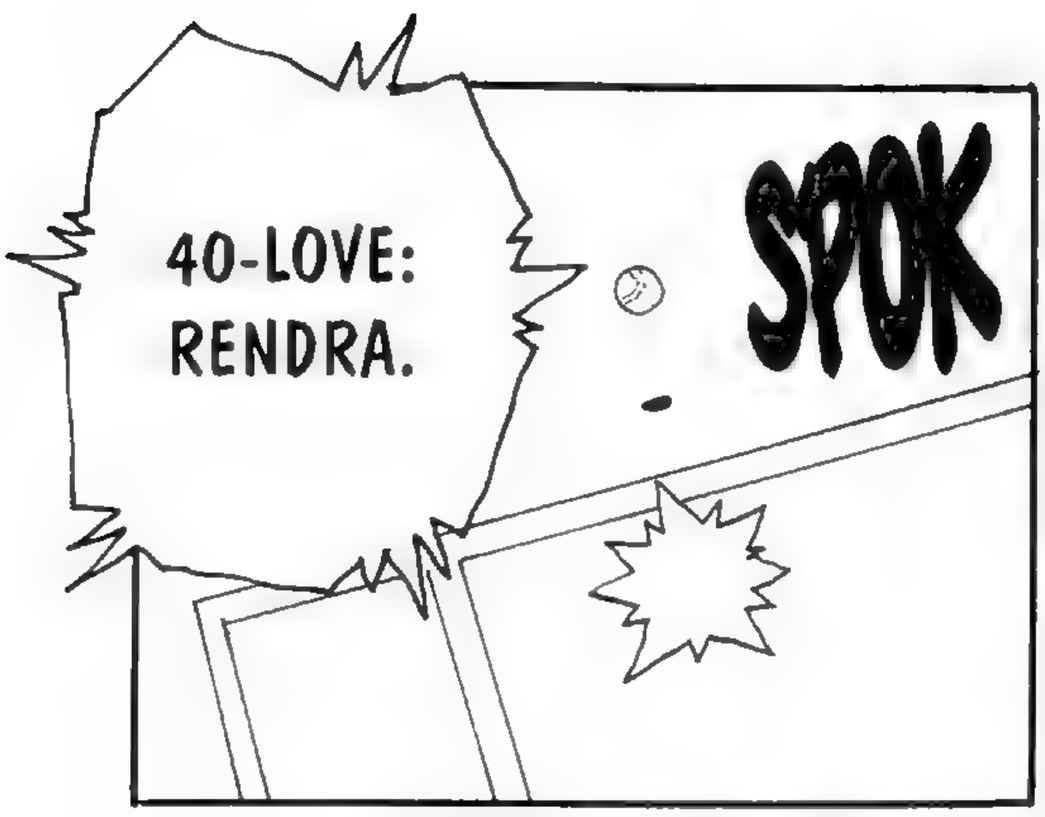
SPORTS

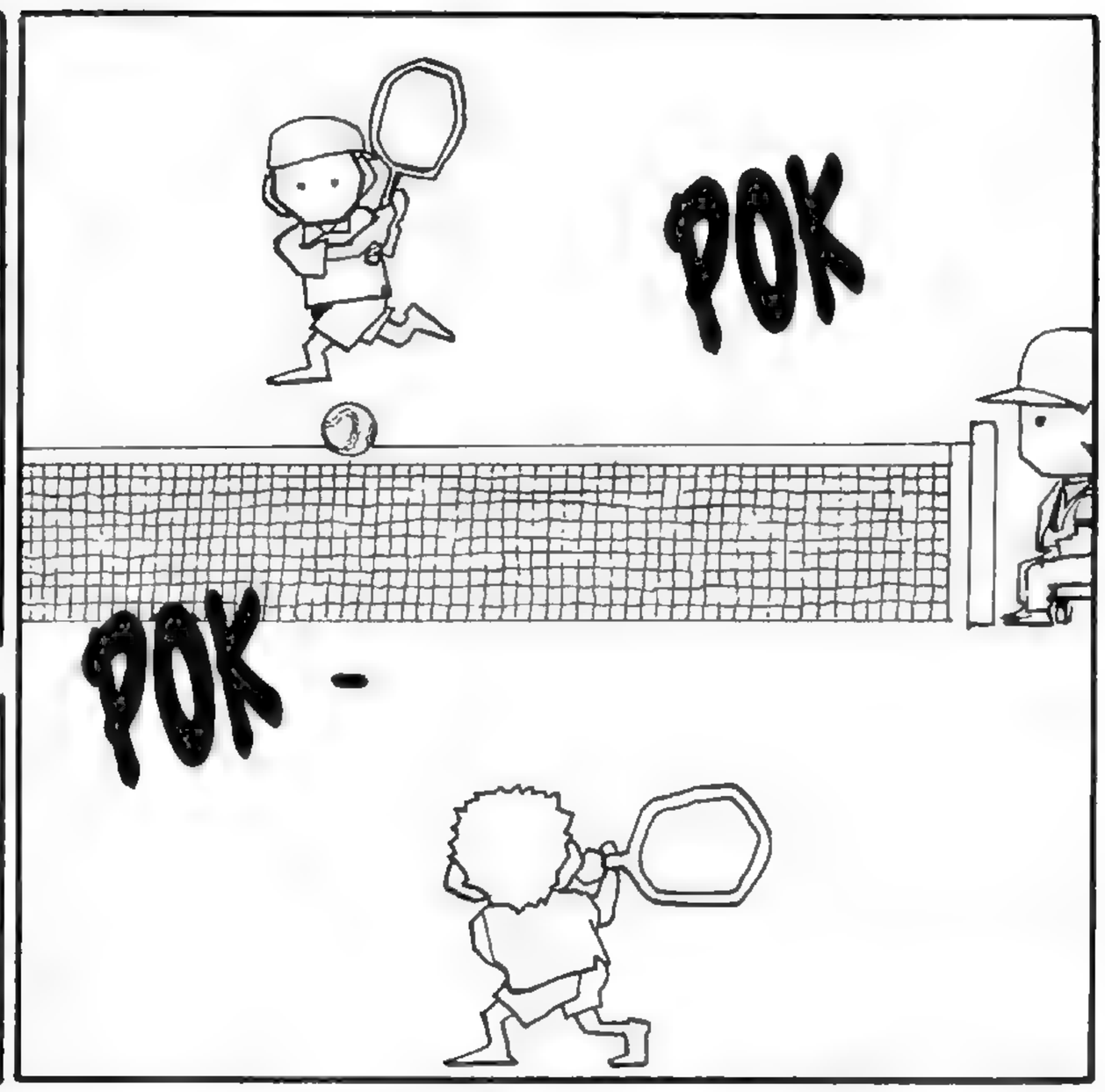
YES.

STILL THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM?

BACKER OPENS SERVICE!

BEGIN!


40-LOVE: RENDRA.
SPOK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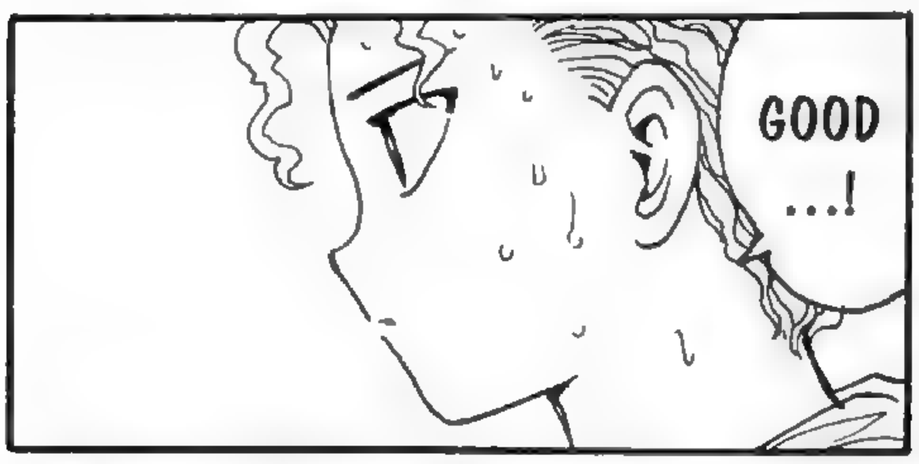
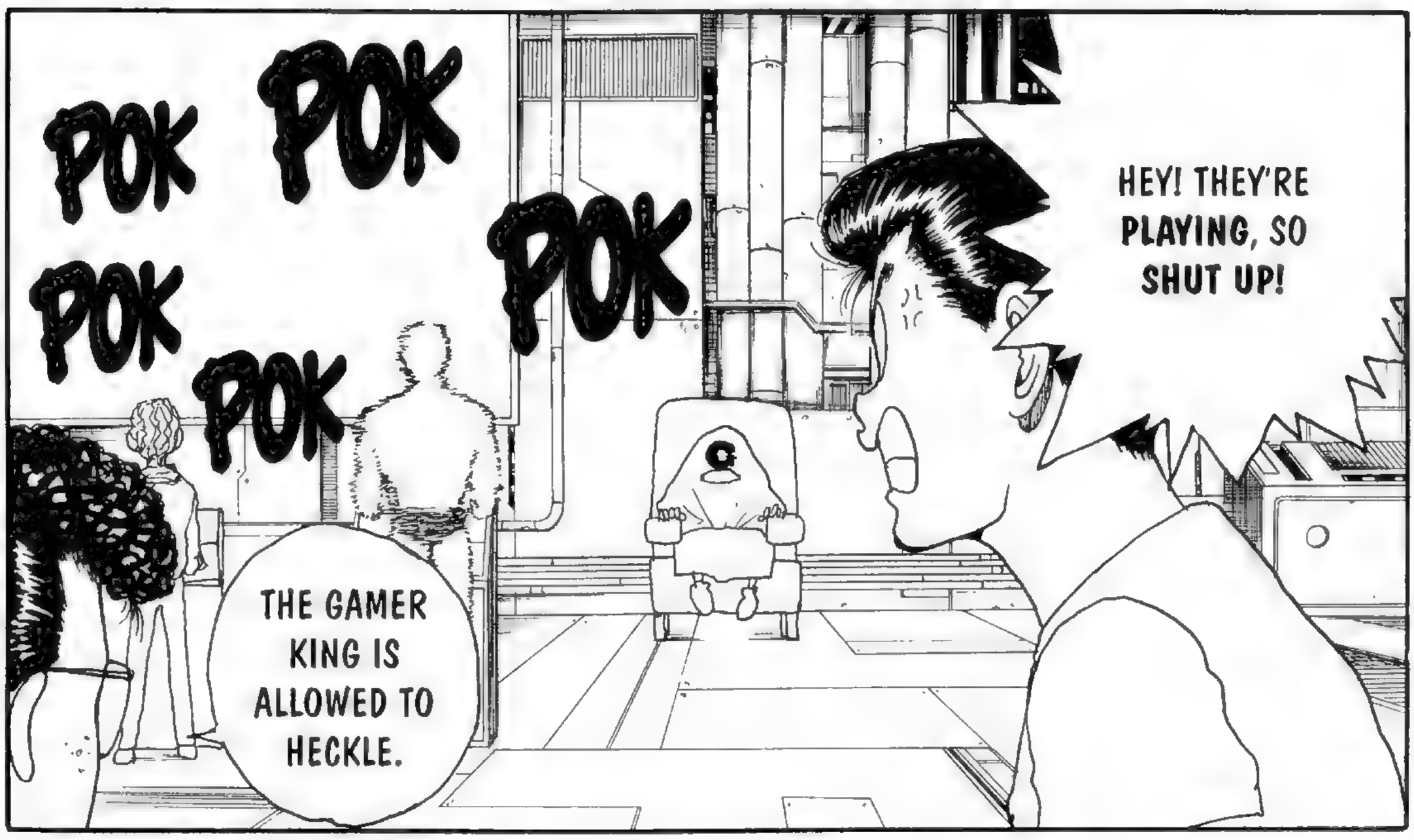
POK


GOOD ...!

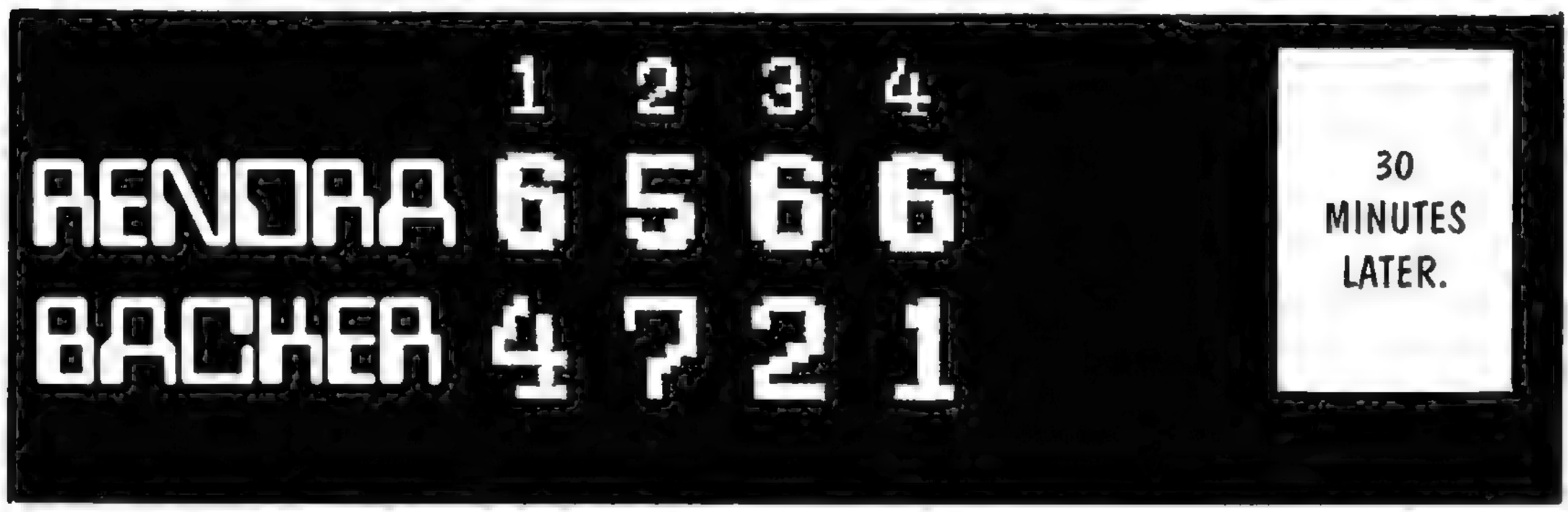
SENSUI SAID WE EACH HAD A DIFFERENT REASON WHY.
REMEMBER HOW WE WERE OUTCASTS AT SCHOOL?

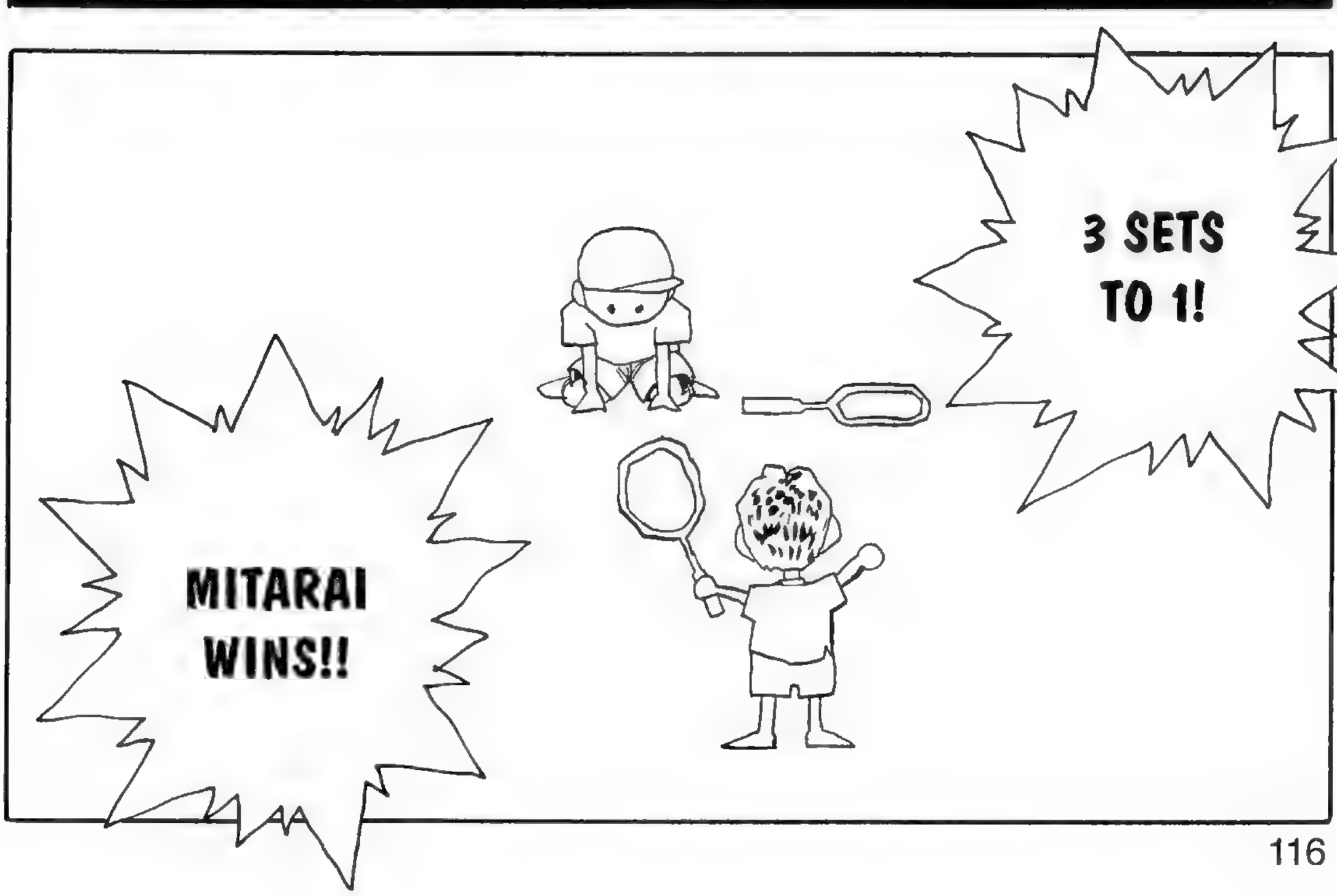

POK POK POK POK POK
HEY! THEY'RE PLAYING, SO SHUT UP!
THE GAMER KING IS ALLOWED TO HECKLE.

POK
POK

HE WAS WEAK, I WAS STRONG...WE WERE POLAR OPPOSITES.

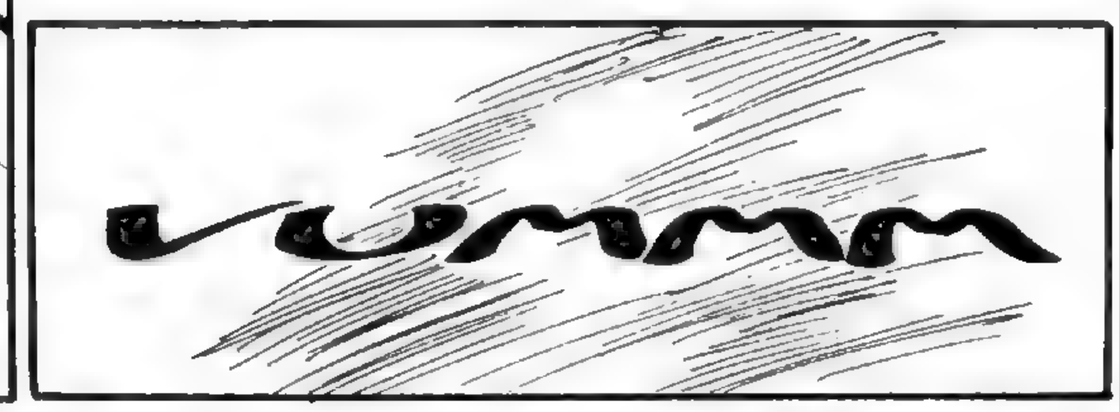
IT'S TRUE. I WAS TOO CHALLENGING FOR THE GENERAL RUN OF IDIOTS.
MITARAI, HE SAID, WAS SHUNNED FOR BEING A LOSER, AND I BECAUSE I WAS FEARED.

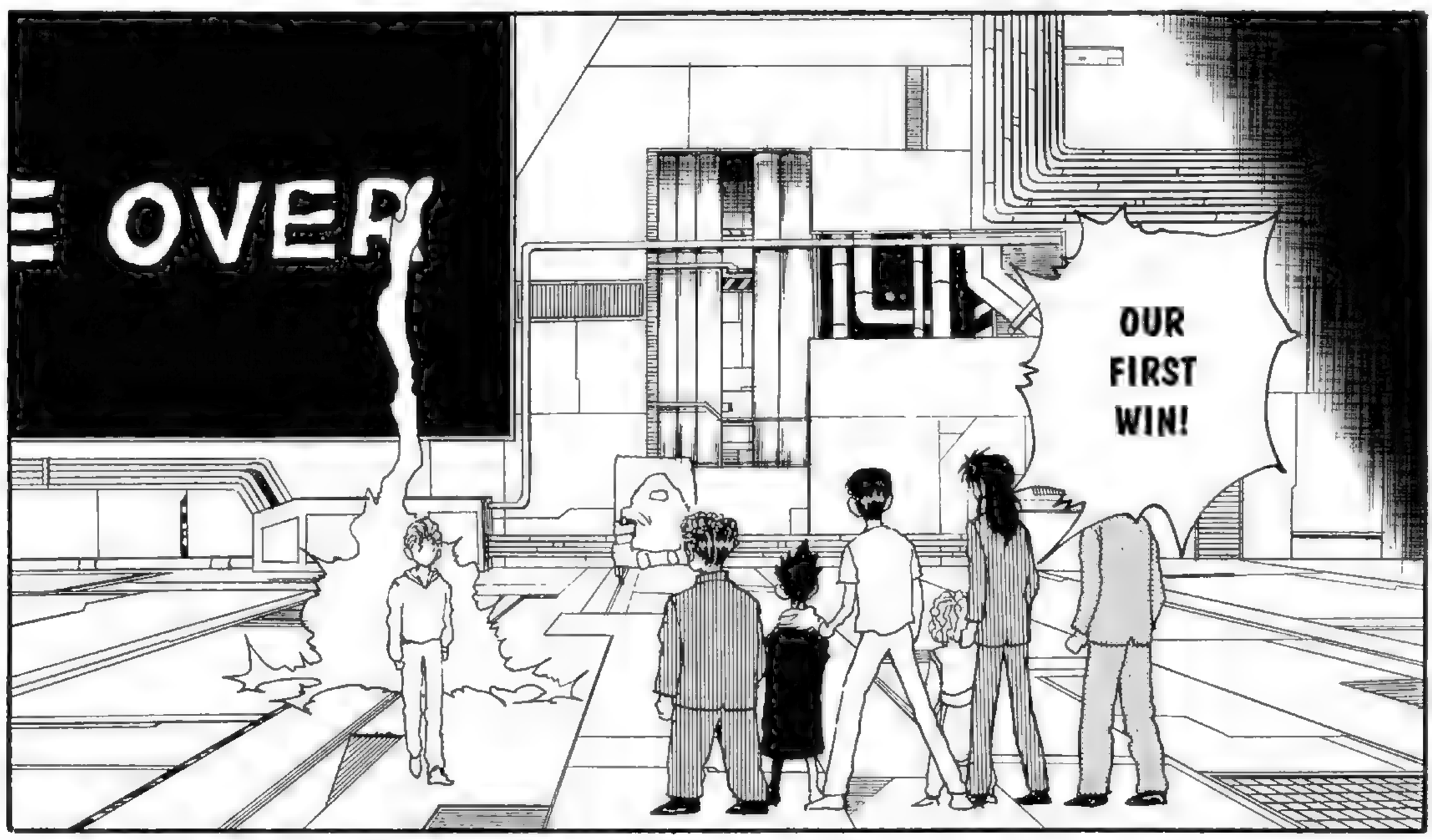

1 2 3 4
RENDRA 6 5 6 6
BACKER 4 7 2 1
30 MINUTES LATER.


3 SETS TO 1!
MITARAI WINS!!

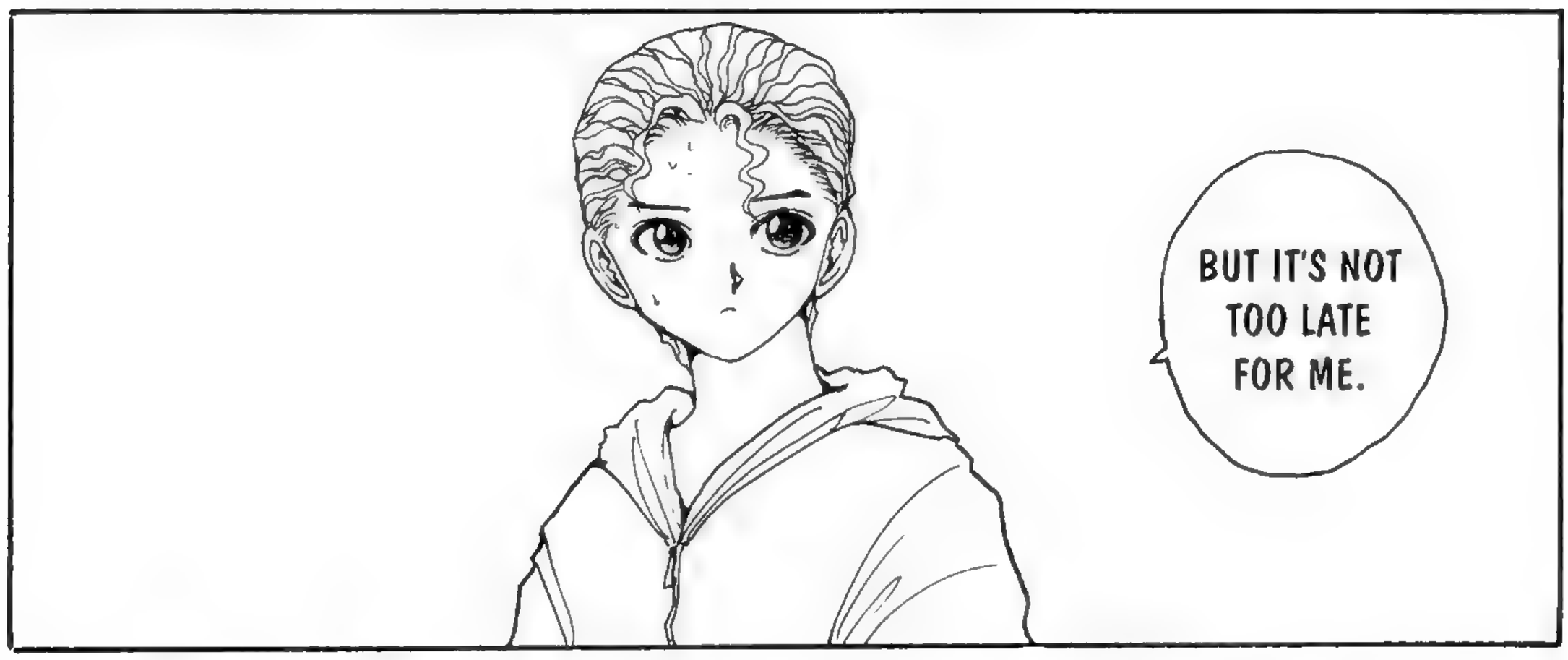
BOOMPH!

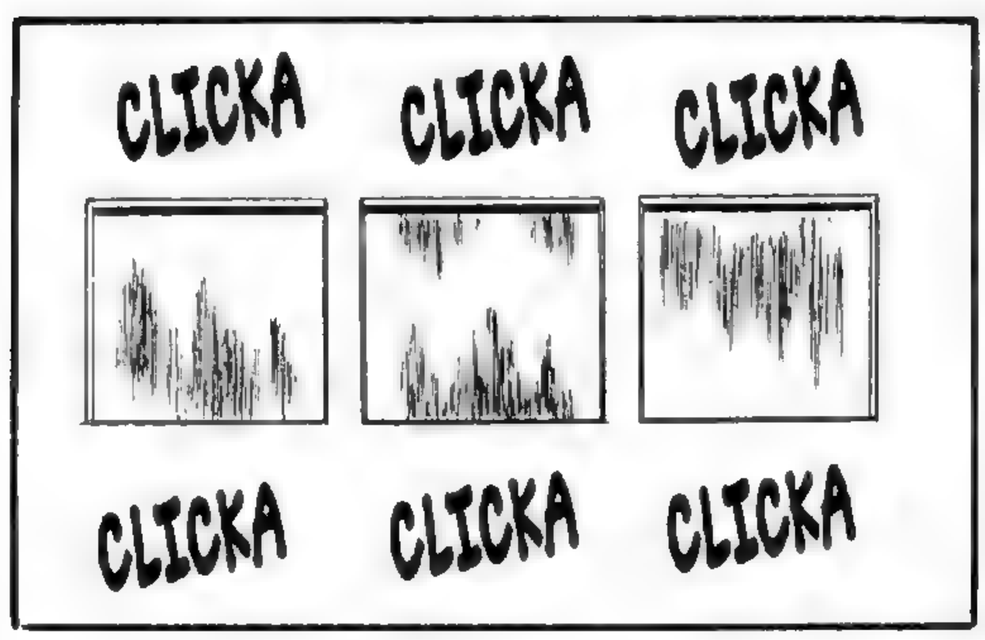
GRAAW ...
GUK...




OVER!
OUR FIRST WIN!

THAT'S WHY I GAVE IN TO THE DARK SIDE AND JOINED SENSUI.
...I'M WEAK, AND I COULDN'T FACE IT, SO I PUT THE BLAME ON EVERYONE ELSE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, AMANUMA...
HMPH!


BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR ME.


CLICKA
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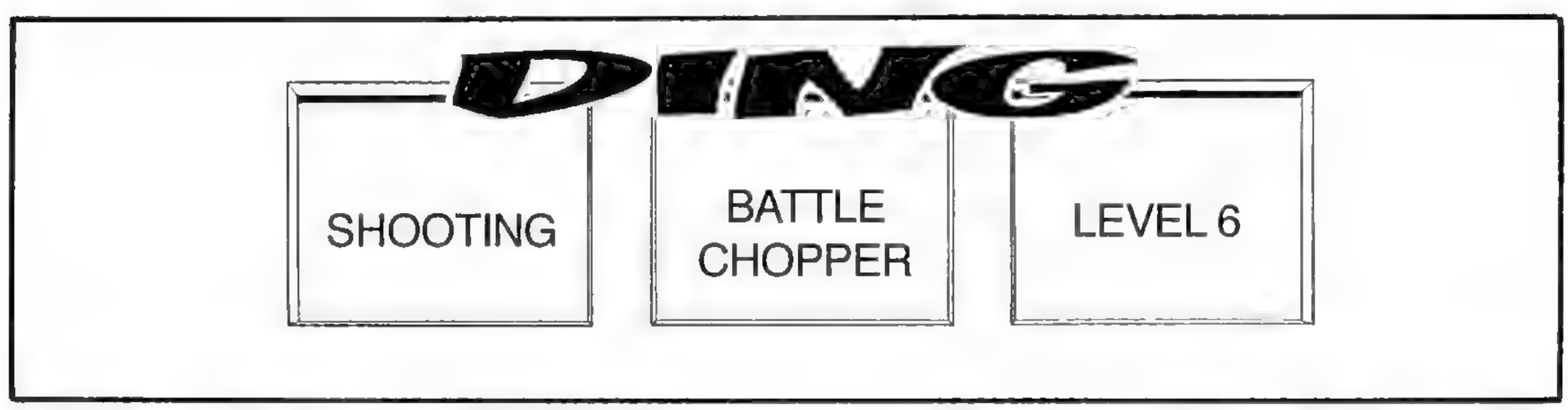
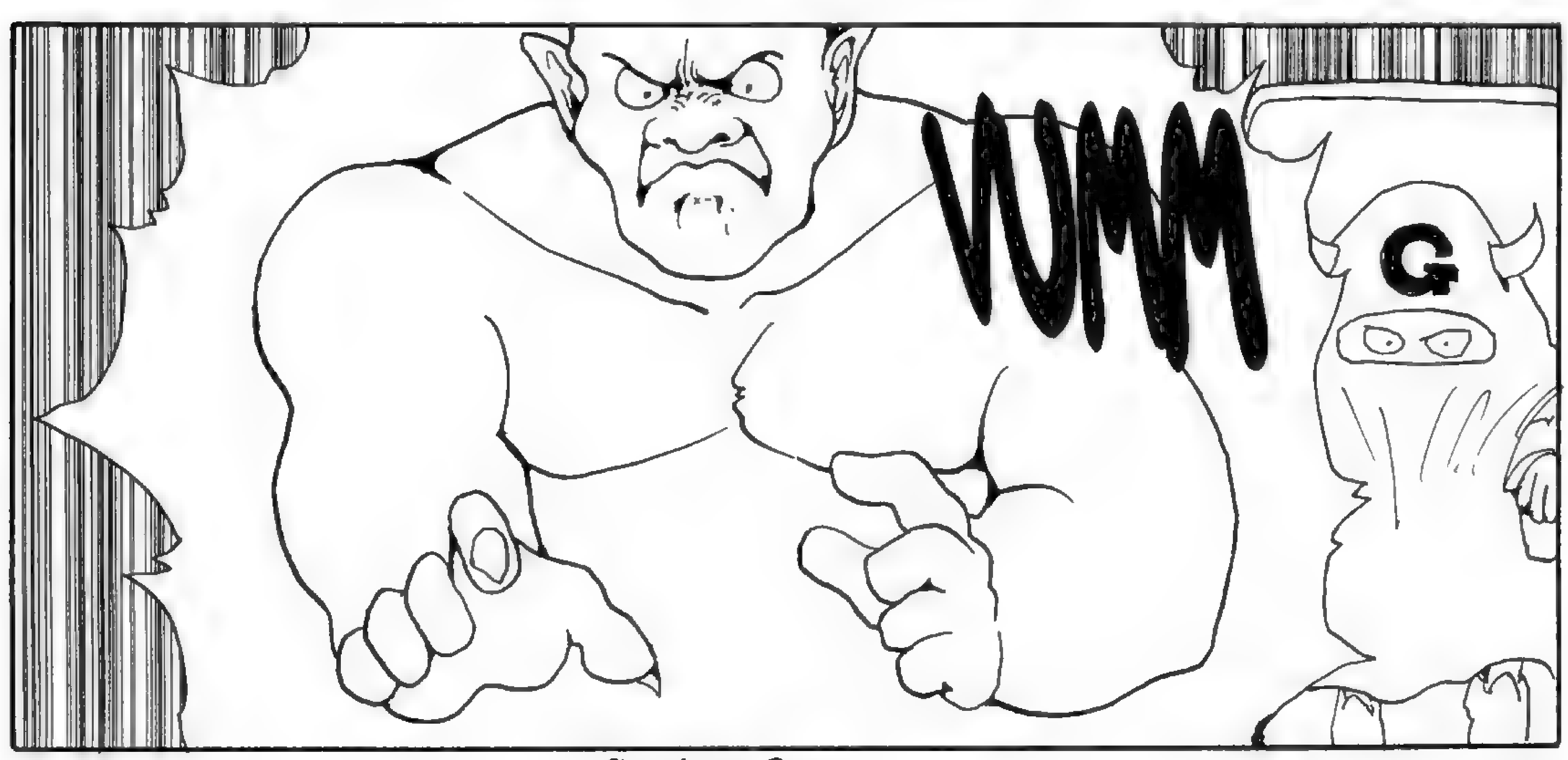
CLICKA

NEXT MINI-GAME!
YEAH, SURE!

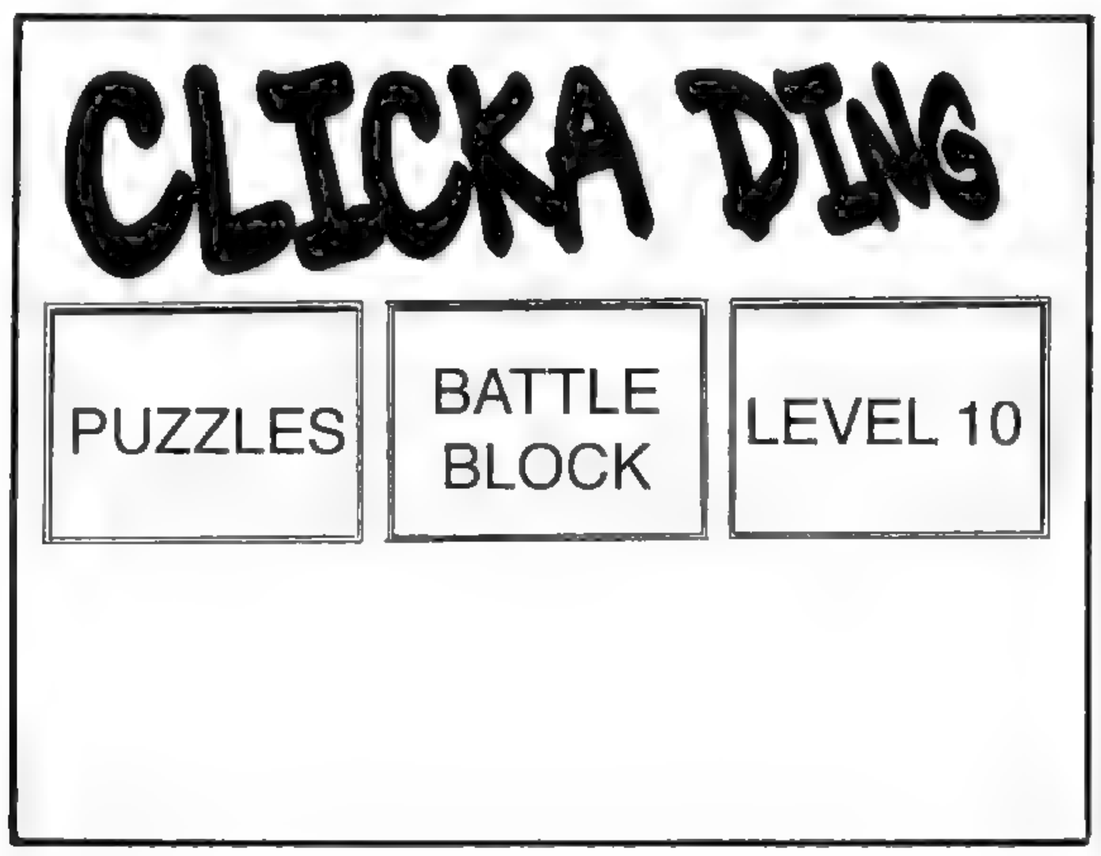

DING
SHOOTING
BATTLE CHOPPER
LEVEL 6

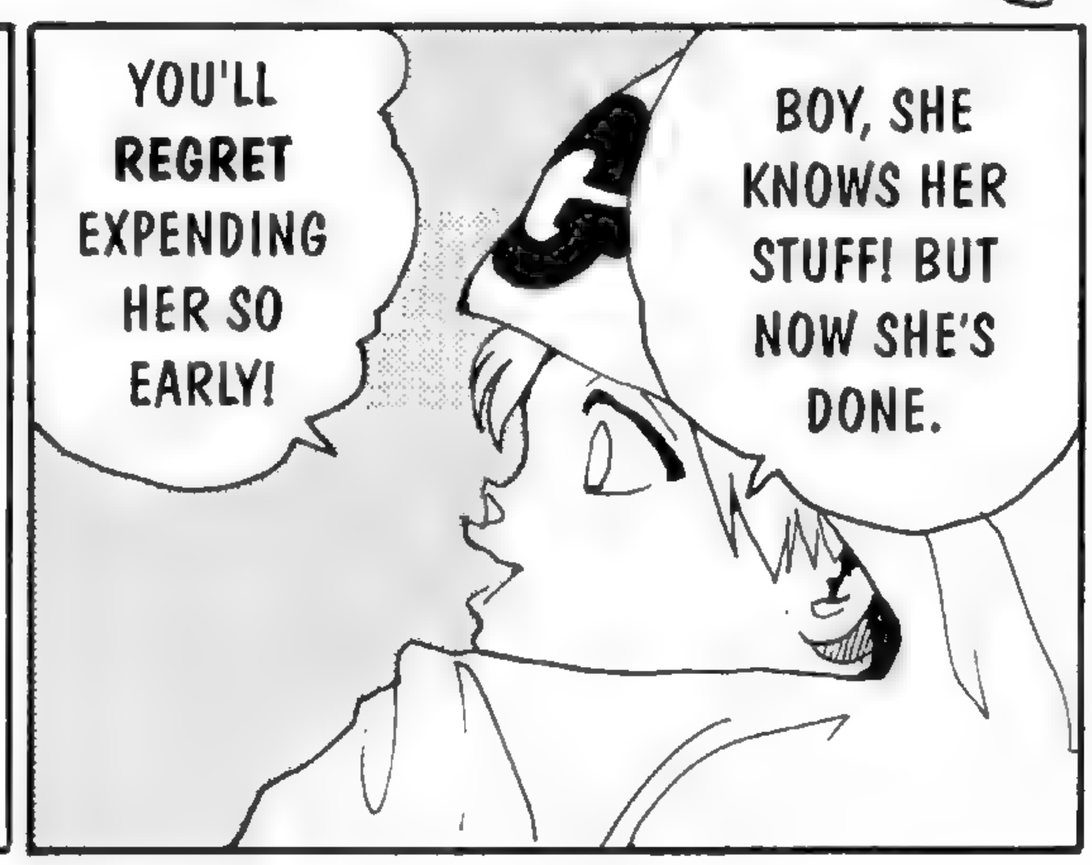

VUMM

AN HOUR LATER, GENKAI'S TAKEN THE SHOOTING DEMON'S LIVES WITHOUT LOSING ONE OF HERS!!

KAPOW

She's fast!



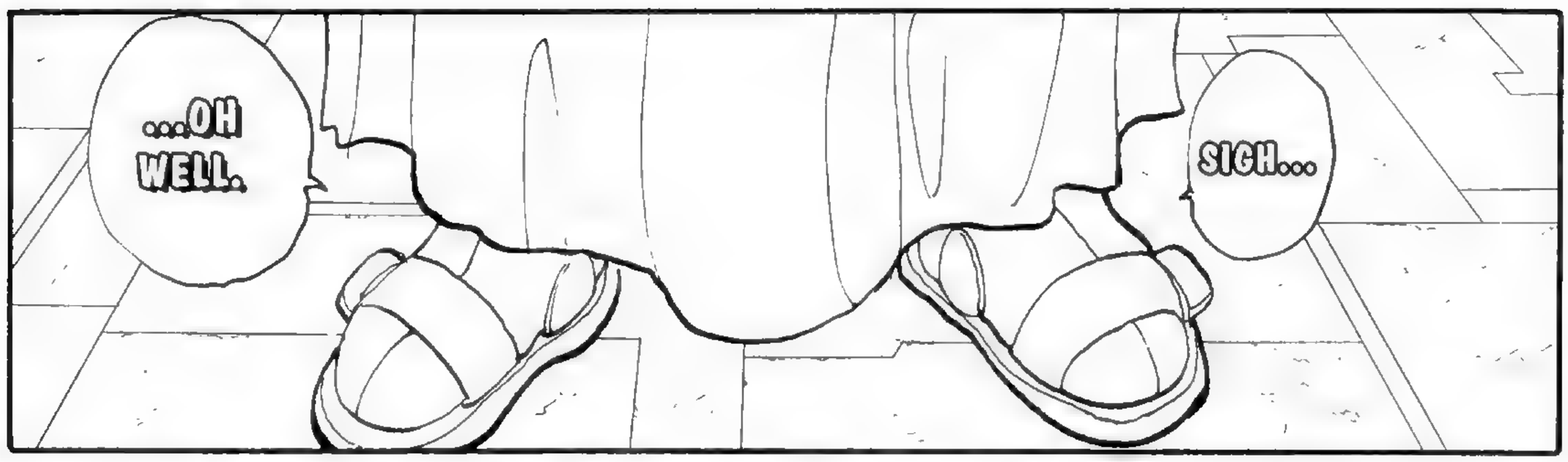


YANAGISAWA COPIES KAITO AND TAKES ON THE PUZZLE DEMON! IT'S NO CONTEST!

PUZZLE

ONE MORE WIN AND WE NAIL THIS THING!!

YANAGISAWA WINS! THAT'S THREE!


...OH WELL.
SIGH...

I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME.

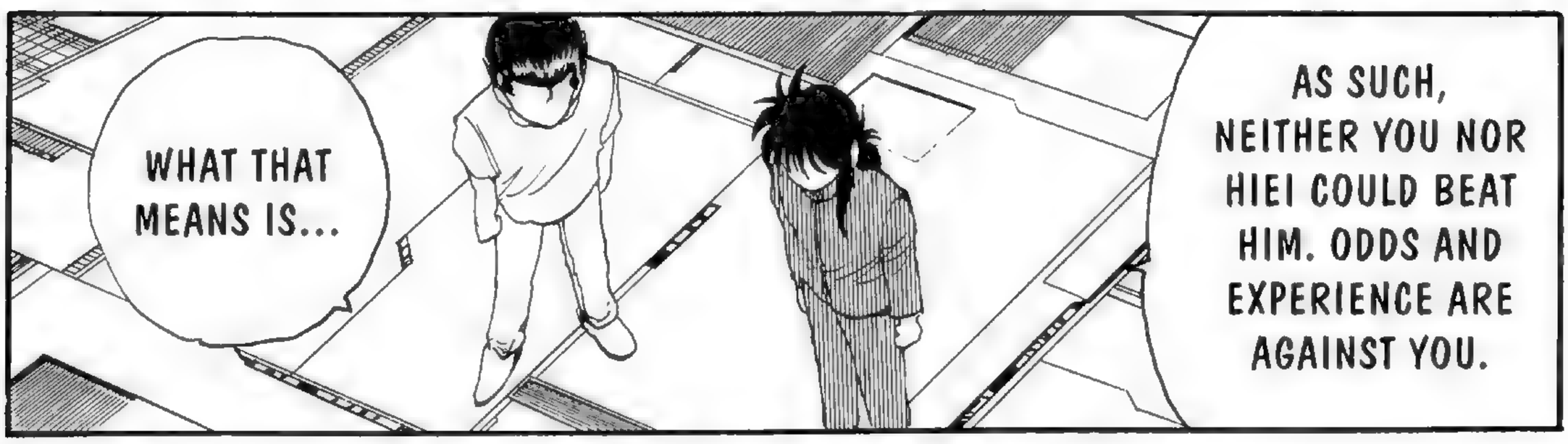
...SO NOW THINGS GET SERIOUS.
UH-HUH...

...THAT'S GAMESPEAK.
MMM...

YUSUKE, LISTEN...
...I'VE GOTTA BE HONEST...

THIS GUY'S PROBABLY WAY TOUGHER THAN THE GAME VERSION!
BUT I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT'S GONNA BE THE CASE.

...KAITO OR I WILL PROBABLY MANAGE A WIN.
...IF AMANUMA MATCHES THE REAL GAME'S GAMER KING...


WHAT THAT MEANS IS...
AS SUCH, NEITHER YOU NOR HIEI COULD BEAT HIM. ODDS AND EXPERIENCE ARE AGAINST YOU.

!!
...IF KAITO AND I LOSE, WE'LL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BEAT A VERY HASTY RETREAT.

AND IT'S CREEPY WHEN AN OPPONENT GIVES NO SENSE OF THE CHALLENGE HE PRESENTS.

IF KURAMA'S UNCERTAIN, THAT'S A REAL WORRY.

...LET'S SEE WHAT I GET TO PLAY!

CLICKA CLICKA

NOW THEN...

CLICKA CLICKA CLICKA

TRIVIA'S A SPECIALTY OF MINE.

I'LL PLAY THIS.

DING

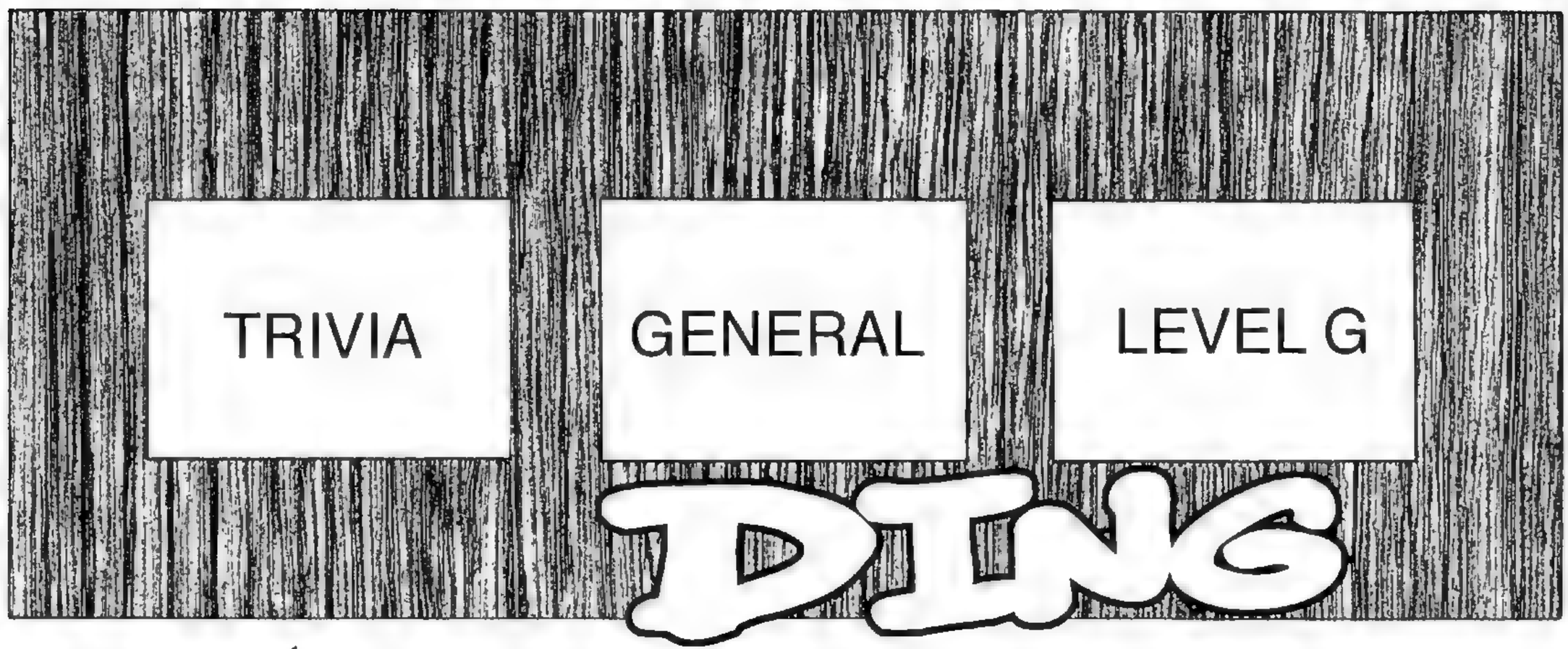
TRIVIA | GENERAL | LEVEL G

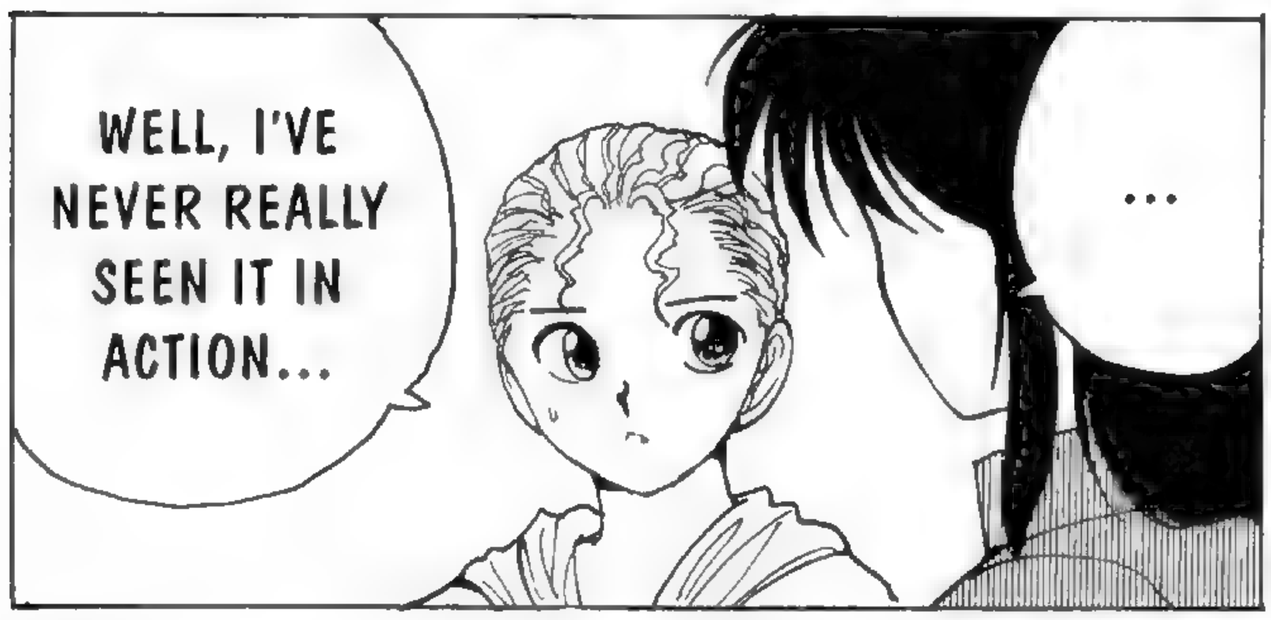
NOT MY FIRST CHOICE, BOY!

TRIVIA?! OUCH!

G

WHAT IF WE LOSE?!





WHAT IF WE LOSE?!

RIGHT.

NO POINTS OFF FOR BEING WRONG, BUT GET THREE WRONG AND YOU'RE OUT OF CONTENTION.

MULTIPLE CHOICE, BUZZ IN TO ANSWER, 10 RIGHT ANSWERS TO WIN.

BATTLE TRIVIA

GAMER KING (AMANUMA) VS. KAITO.

BEGIN!!

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HE'S NOT AT HIS BUZZER!

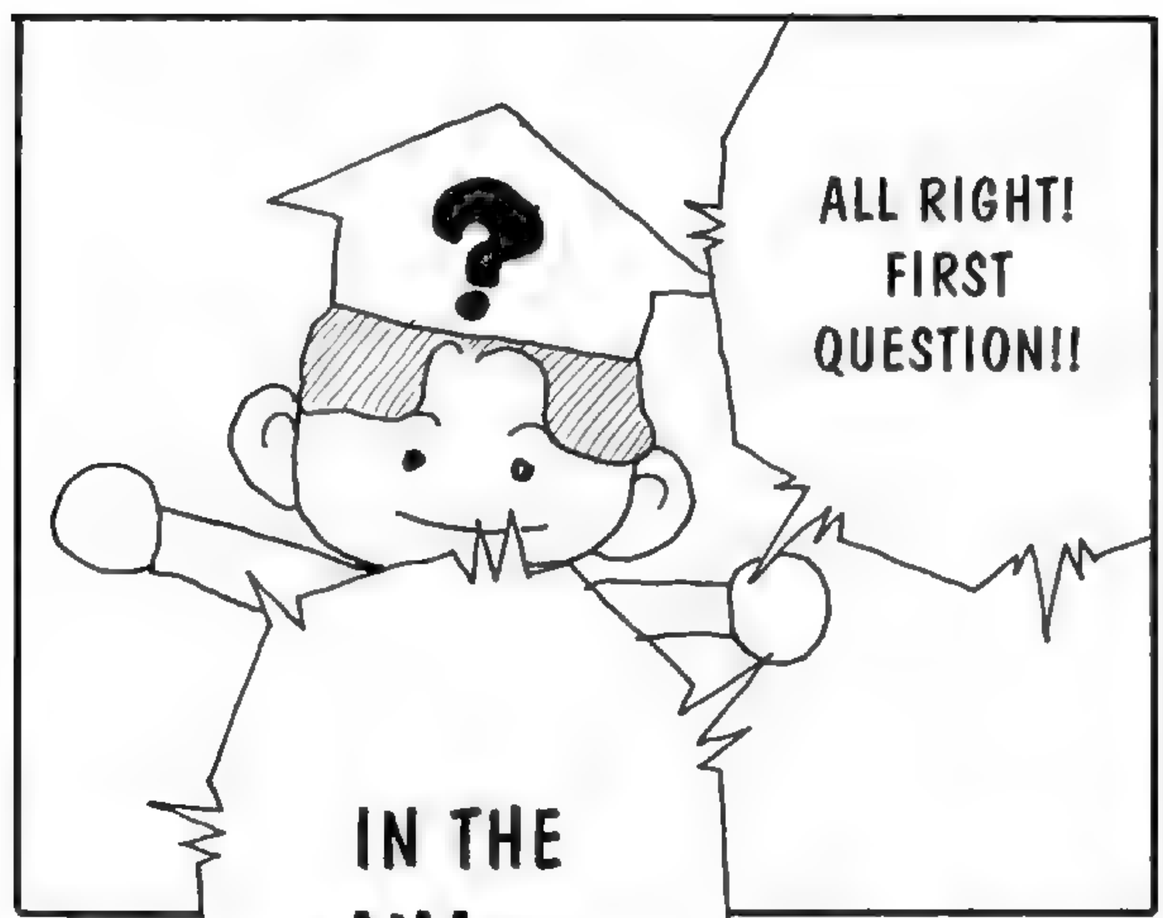
WHAT'S HE DOING?!

CALL IT A HANDICAP.

YOU GO AHEAD AND ANSWER, THOUGH.

I'LL SKIP THE FIRST FIVE QUESTIONS.

WELL?



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Ⓑ PAROROCA

Ⓒ POROROCA

Ⓓ PEROROCA

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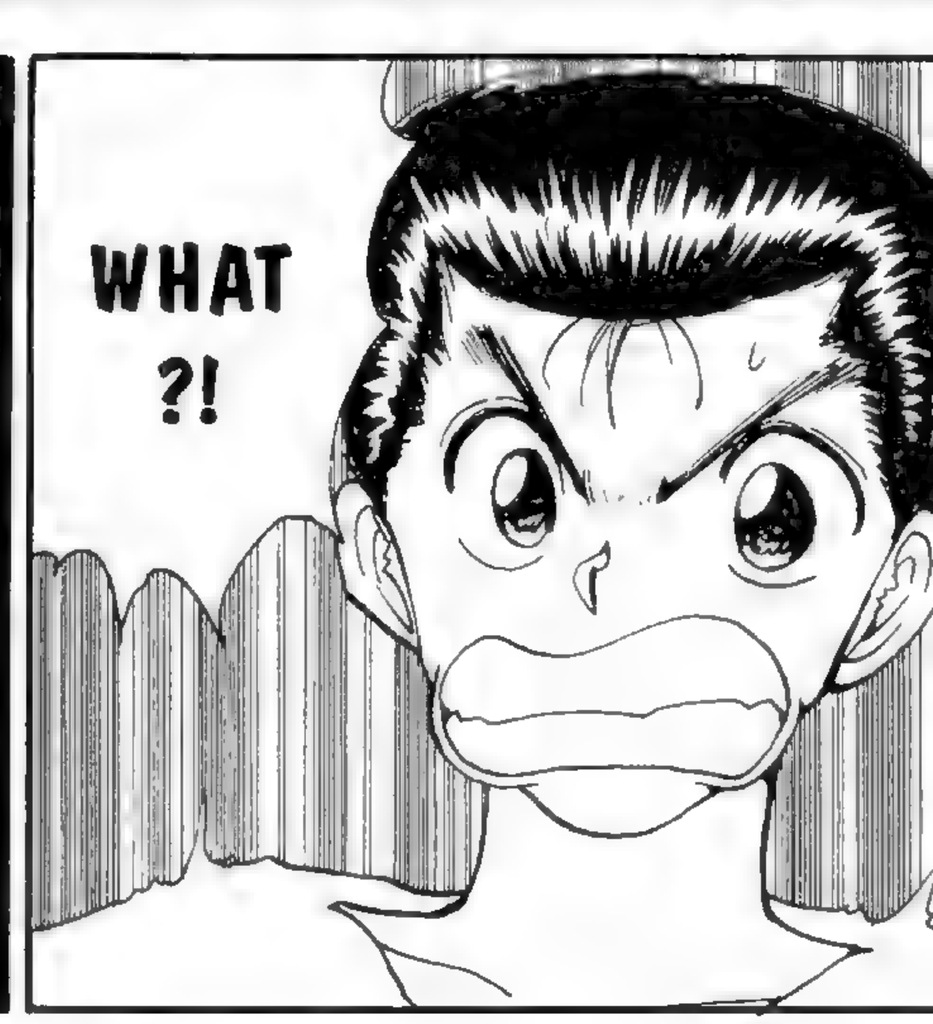

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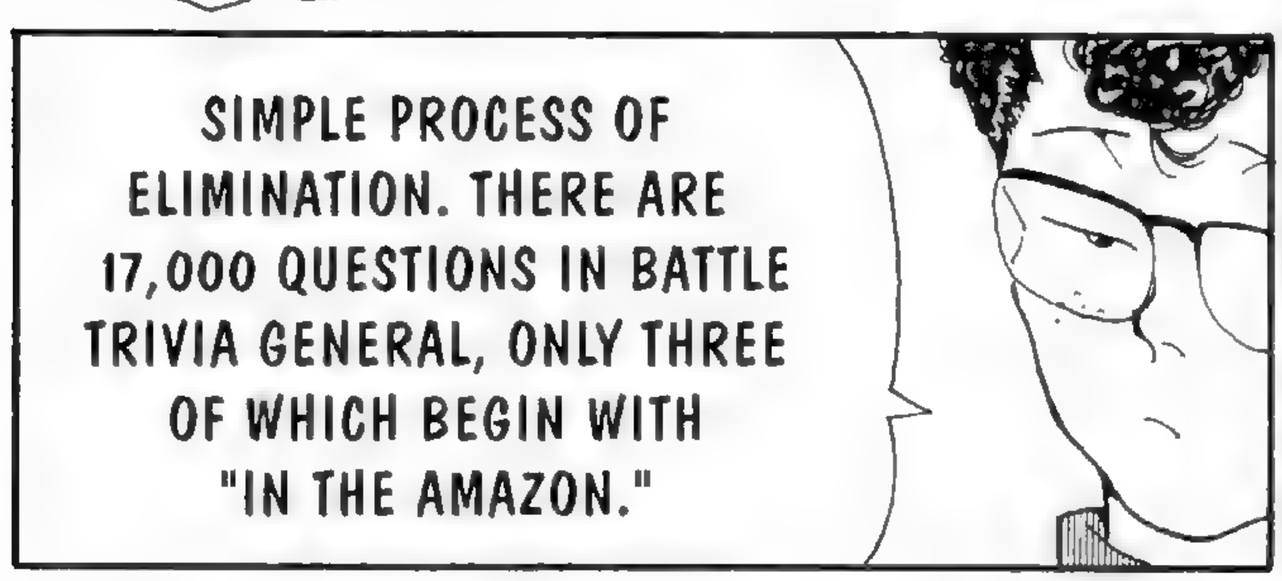


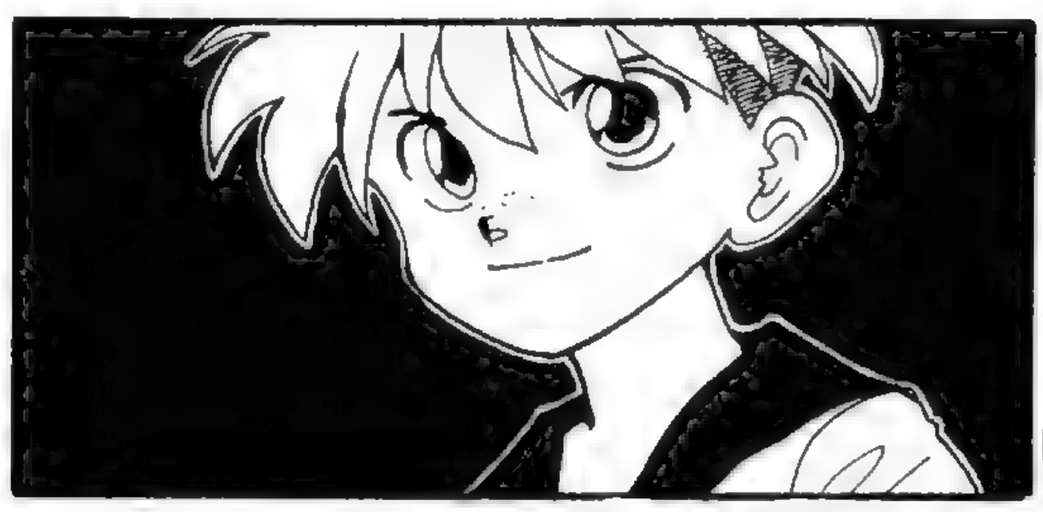
QUESTION 1:
IN THE AMAZON, WATER IN THE RIO ARAGUARI AT TIMES RUSHES UPSTREAM. WHAT IS THIS NATURAL PHENOMENON CALLED?

ANSWER: POROROCA

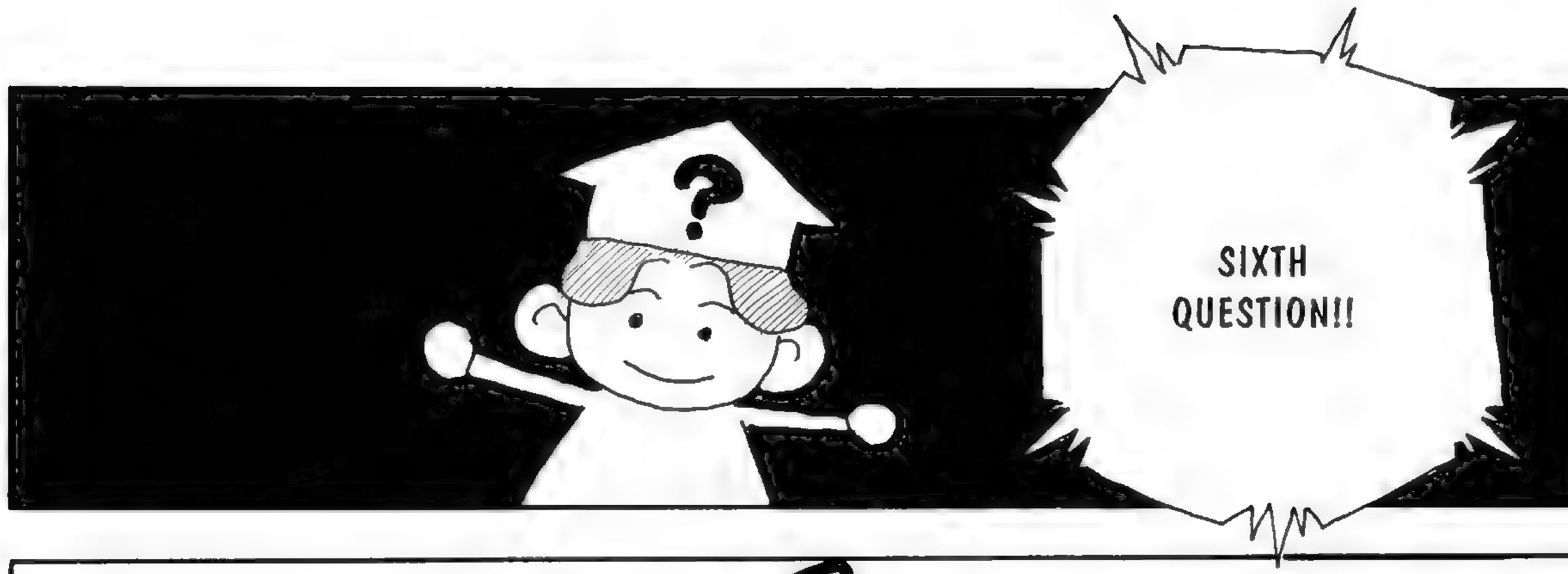
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETHINK YOUR HANDICAP STRATEGY?
...
SECOND QUESTION'S COMING UP.
IN SIMILAR FASHION, KAITO RACKED UP FIVE IN A ROW!!
MEANWHILE, AMANUMA JUST STOOD AND WATCHED THE SCREEN.
I'D'VE BEEN ELIMINATED AFTER THE FIRST THREE QUESTIONS!
ATTABOY KAITO! YOU'RE 5-0!!

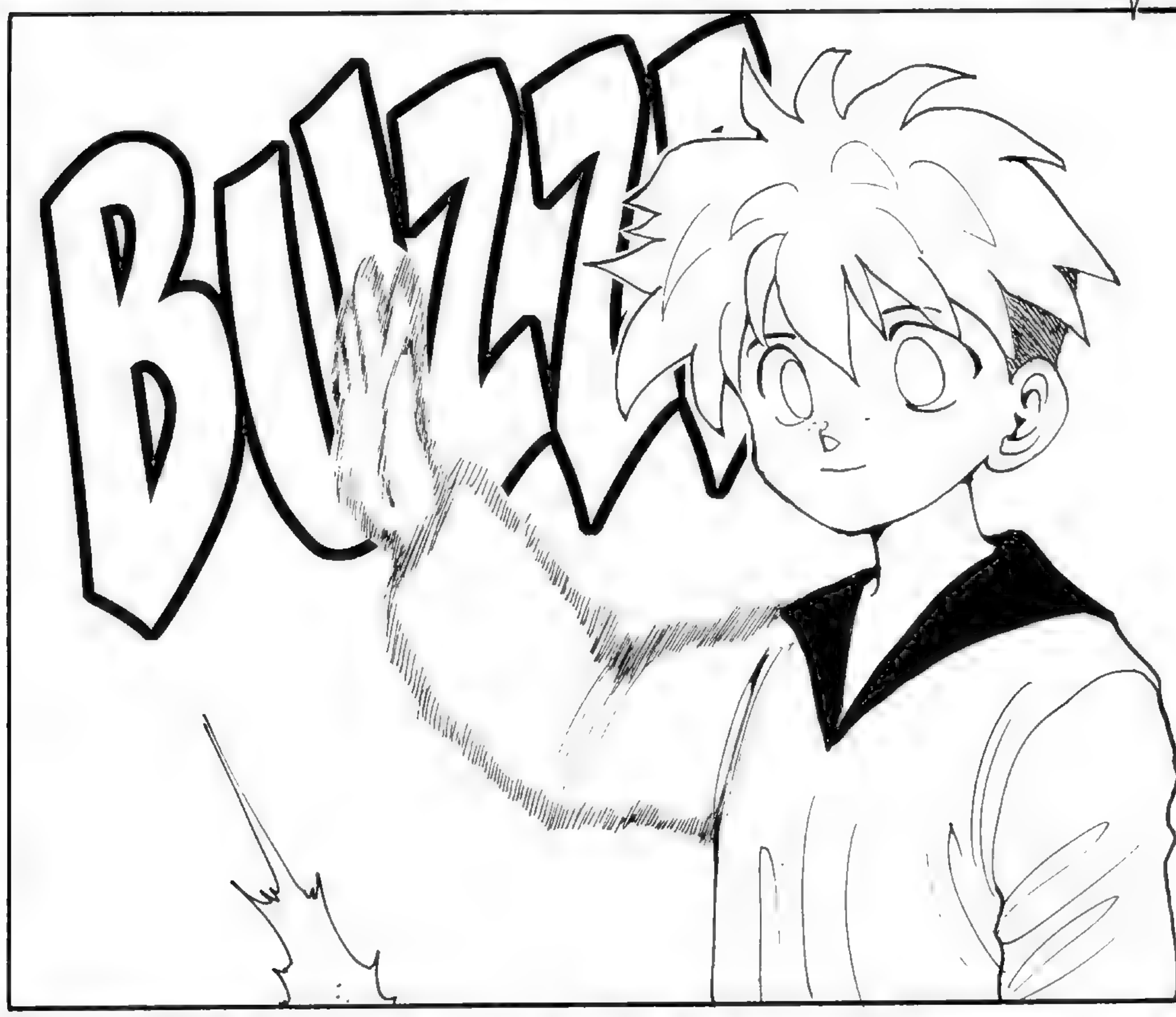
AH HA! THAT'S IT!!

IT'S AT THIS JUNCTURE...



TIME FOR A COMEBACK!


SIXTH QUESTION!!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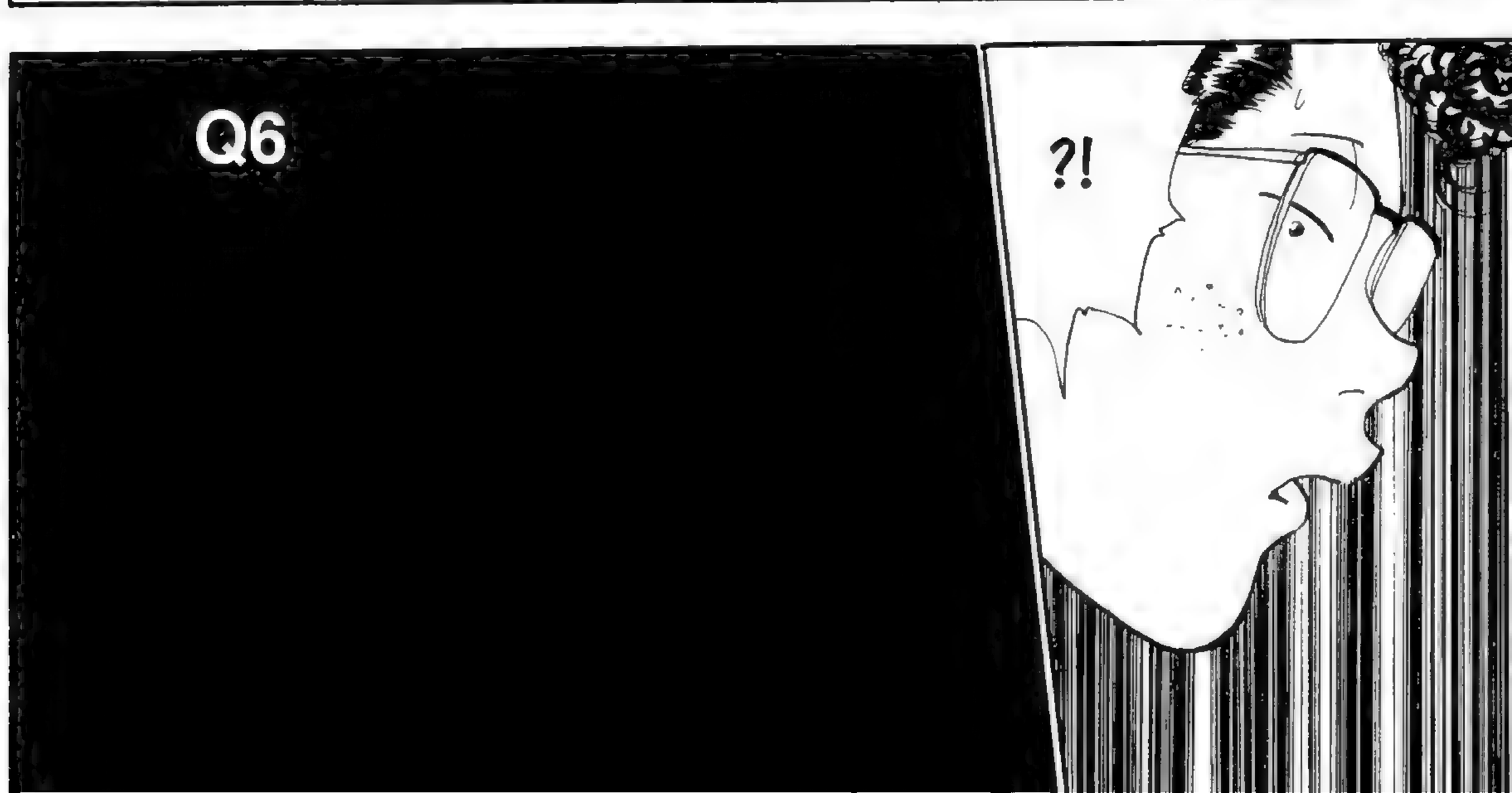
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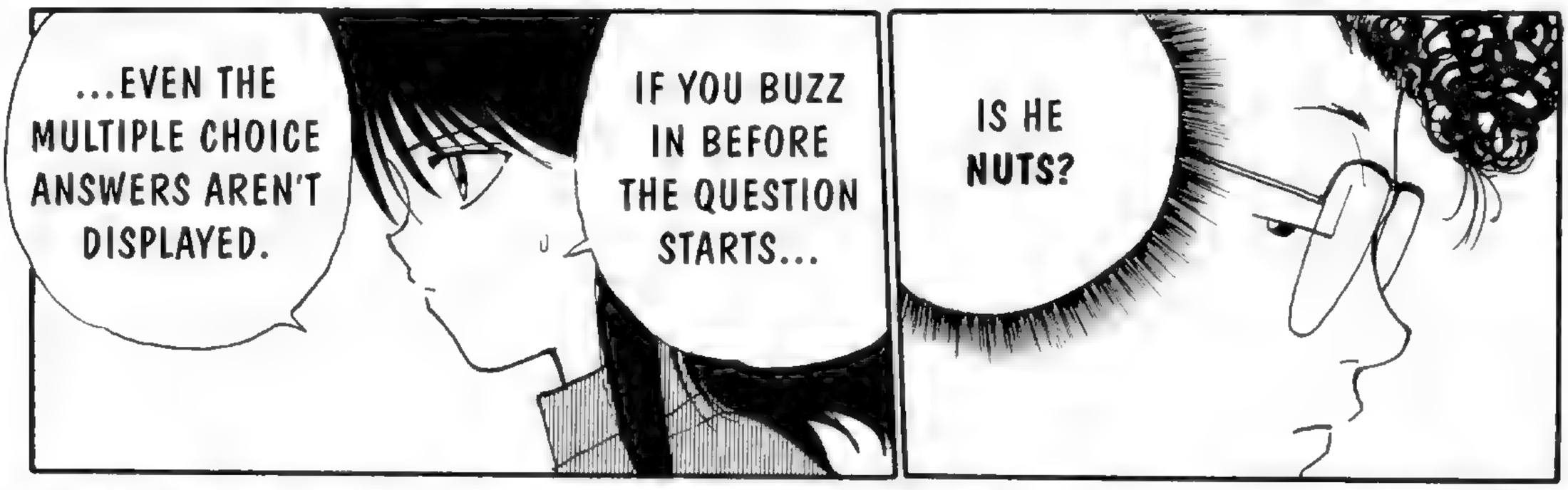
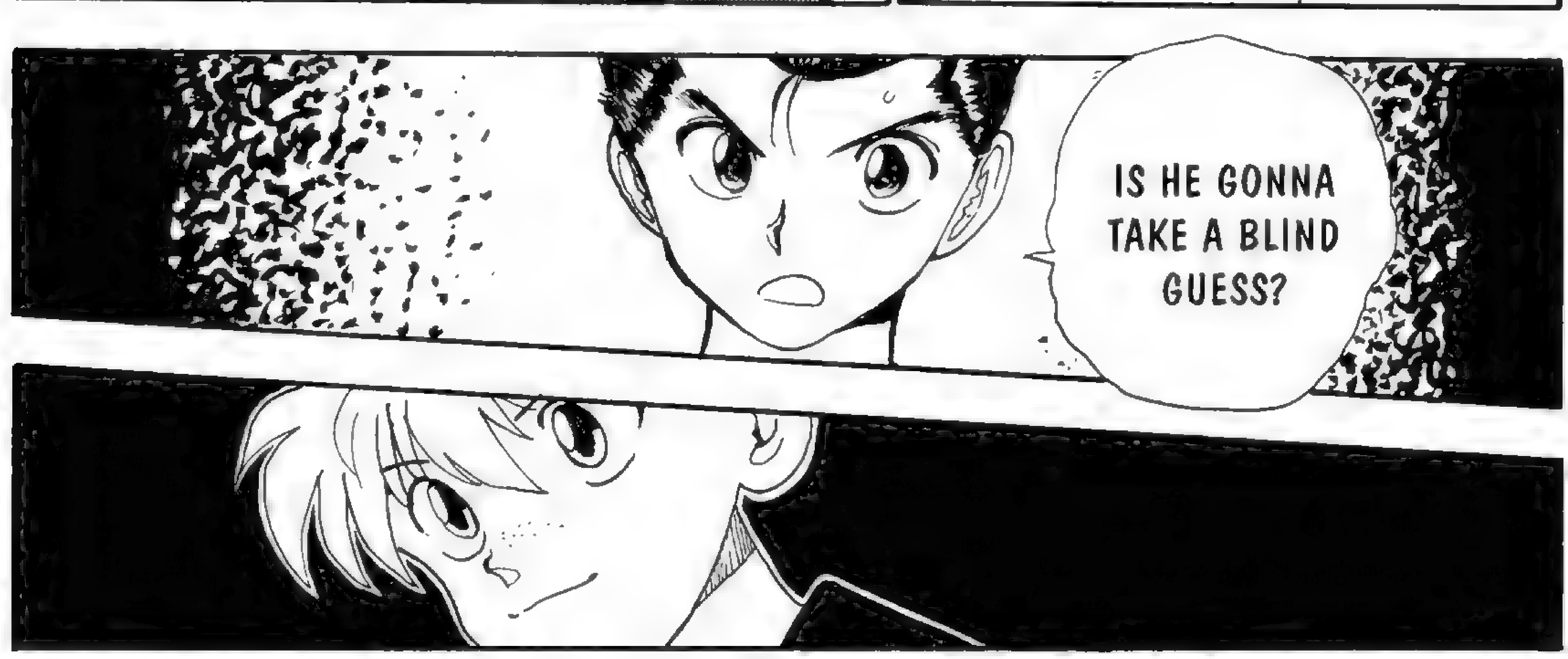
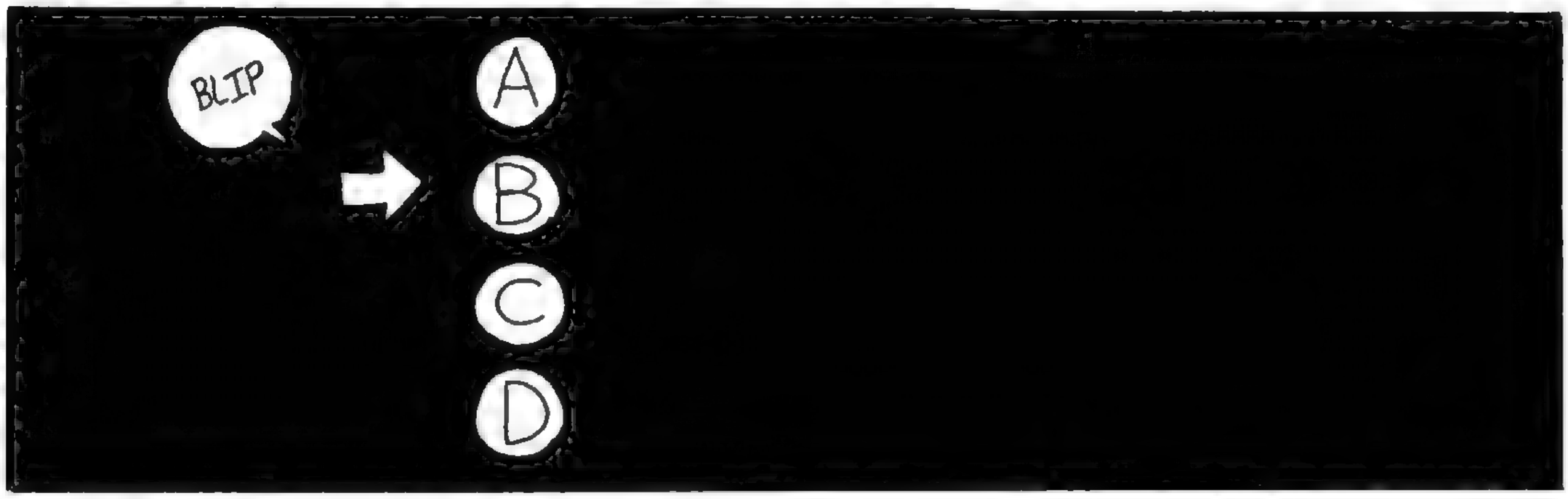

...EVEN THE MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS AREN'T DISPLAYED.
IF YOU BUZZ IN BEFORE THE QUESTION STARTS...
IS HE NUTS?


IS HE GONNA TAKE A BLIND GUESS?

QUESTION SIX IS "WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ASTEROID THAT PEOPLE FEARED MIGHT CRASH INTO THE EARTH IN THE YEAR 2000?"

AND THE ANSWER IS B: TOUTATIS.



Q6: WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ASTEROID THAT PEOPLE FEARED MIGHT CRASH INTO THE EARTH IN THE YEAR 2000?

Ⓐ HALLEY

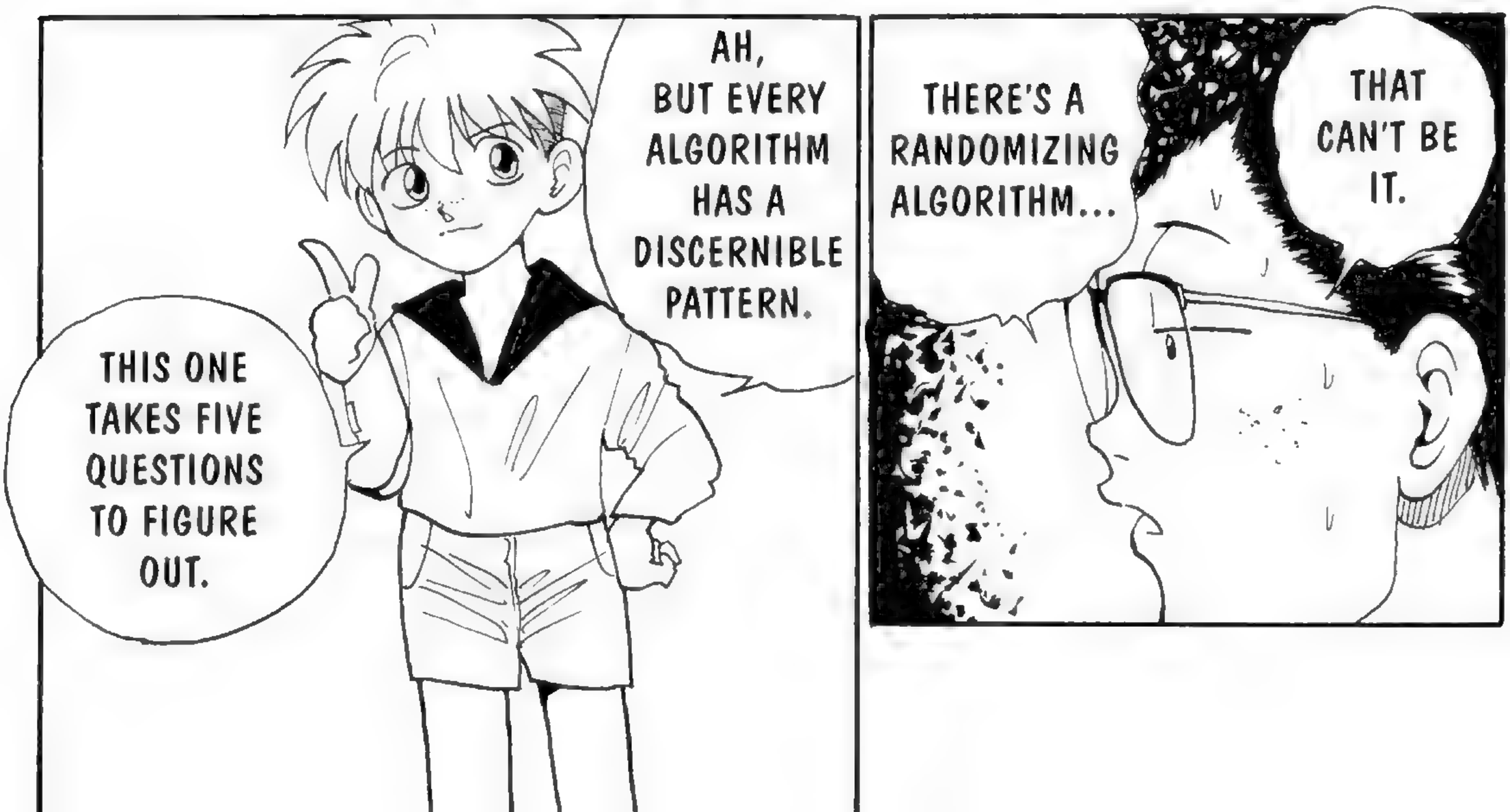
Ⓑ TOUTATIS

Ⓒ MAGELLAN

Ⓓ NEBULA M78

THERE IT IS! JUST WHAT HE SAID!

FREAKY! HE QUOTED THE **WHOLE THING**, CHAPTER AND VERSE!!



I PROBABLY DIDN'T ALLOW **ENOUGH** OF A HANDICAP.

WORKING THE PATTERN, AMANUMA GOT EIGHT MORE UNASKED QUESTIONS CORRECT!!

KAITO TRIED TO DO THE SAME BY GUESSING, BUT HIS TWO TRIES WERE BOTH WRONG. ON THE 17TH QUESTION...

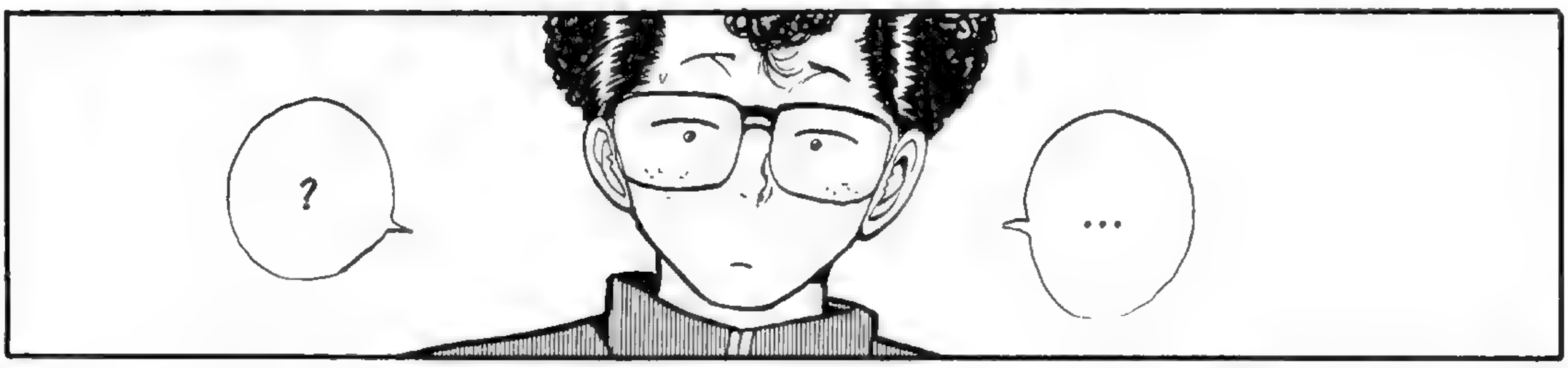
BUZZZ!!

THAT'S THE THIRD WRONG ANSWER IN A ROW FOR KAITO! GAME OVER!

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, EH?
HEH

YOU GOT ME. I COULDN'T SEE A PATTERN.

HEY, DON'T SWEAT IT. YOU'RE A SMART GUY.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UM...

...WHAT HAPPENS IF WE LOSE TO AMANUMA?
...I JUST REALIZED I NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK...

THAT KID'S INCREDIBLE!
CRAP! KAITO LOST!
NOW IT'S UP TO KURAMA!

HE HASN'T TOLD US, EITHER. YOU OKAY, KAITO?

SURE, I GUESS.

NO...NO SHOCKS, NO SOUL SUCKING, NOTHING. I'M JUST ANNOYED I LOST.

YOU DON'T FEEL ODD IN ANY WAY?

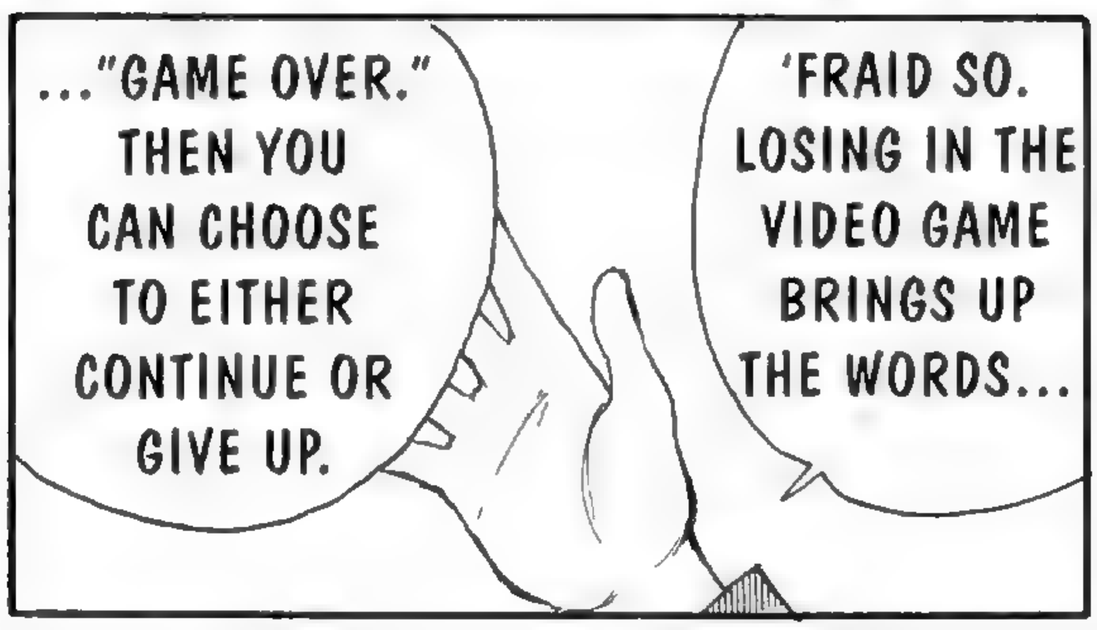
WHAT? YOU'VE FIGURED THIS THING OUT?

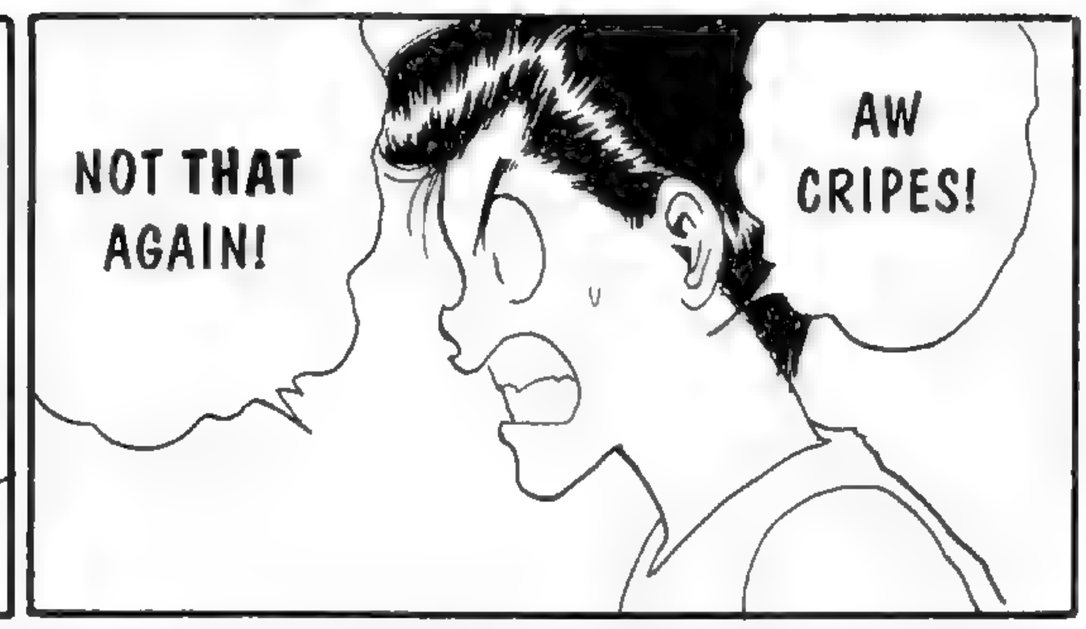
WELL THEN, THIS COULD MEAN...

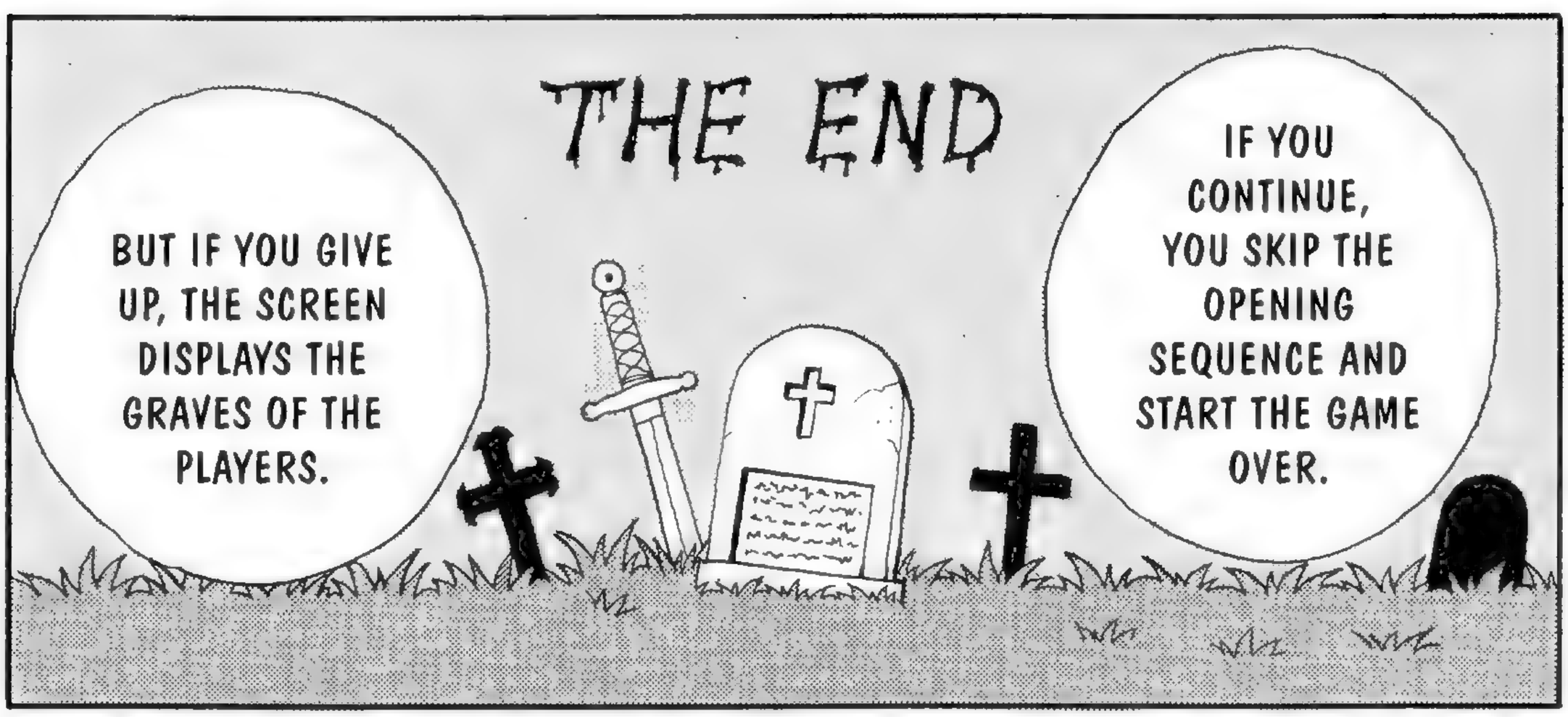
HE SEEMS TO ENJOY THE SPORT OF IT.

MAYBE HE ISN'T INTERESTED IN EXACTING PENALTIES.

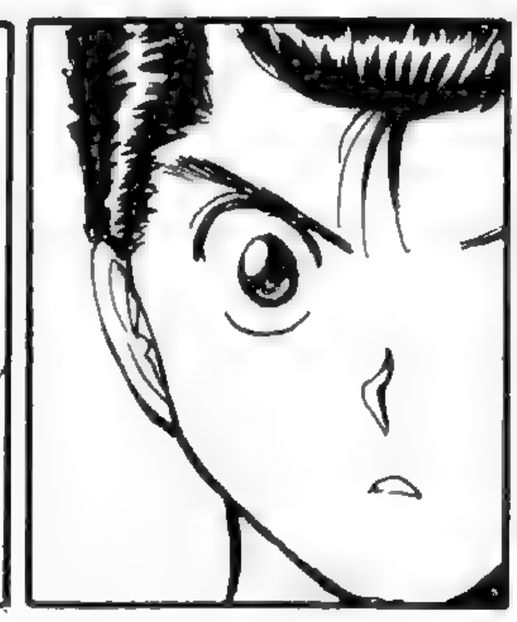
...BUT IN GIVING UP. IF THIS FOLLOWS THE VIDEO GAME...
I'M AFRAID MAYBE I HAVE. THE DANGER ISN'T IN LOSING...


..."GAME OVER." THEN YOU CAN CHOOSE TO EITHER CONTINUE OR GIVE UP.
'FRAID SO. LOSING IN THE VIDEO GAME BRINGS UP THE WORDS...


NOT THAT AGAIN!
AW CRIPES!


THE END
BUT IF YOU GIVE UP, THE SCREEN DISPLAYS THE GRAVES OF THE PLAYERS.
IF YOU CONTINUE, YOU SKIP THE OPENING SEQUENCE AND START THE GAME OVER.

...WE'RE STUCK HERE...
YOU MEAN...



WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME!!

We've been here two hours already!

...PLAYING AGAINST THIS KID UNTIL WE BEAT HIM?! NO FRICKIN' WAY!!

HE'S BUYING TIME UNTIL THE BARRIER TUNNEL IS OPEN.

AMANUMA'S NOT HERE TO FIGHT US TO THE DEATH.

SO RELAX AND ENJOY. BELIEVE ME, THE TIME WILL PASS QUICKLY!

AND WHEN IT IS, I'LL RELEASE MY TERRITORY.

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

THINGS ARE GOING WELL.
TWO MORE HOURS SHOULD DO IT.
MY POWERS ARE INTENSIFYING.

LOOK BEHIND ME, SHINOBU.

TIME ENOUGH TO TAKE IN THIS MOVIE...

...AND FOR YOU TO THINK THINGS OVER VERY CAREFULLY, KUWABARA.

IF YOU ASK ME, I SHOULD JUST EAT HIM.

HE'S NEVER GONNA COOPERATE.

I WON'T HELP YOU, NOW OR EVER.

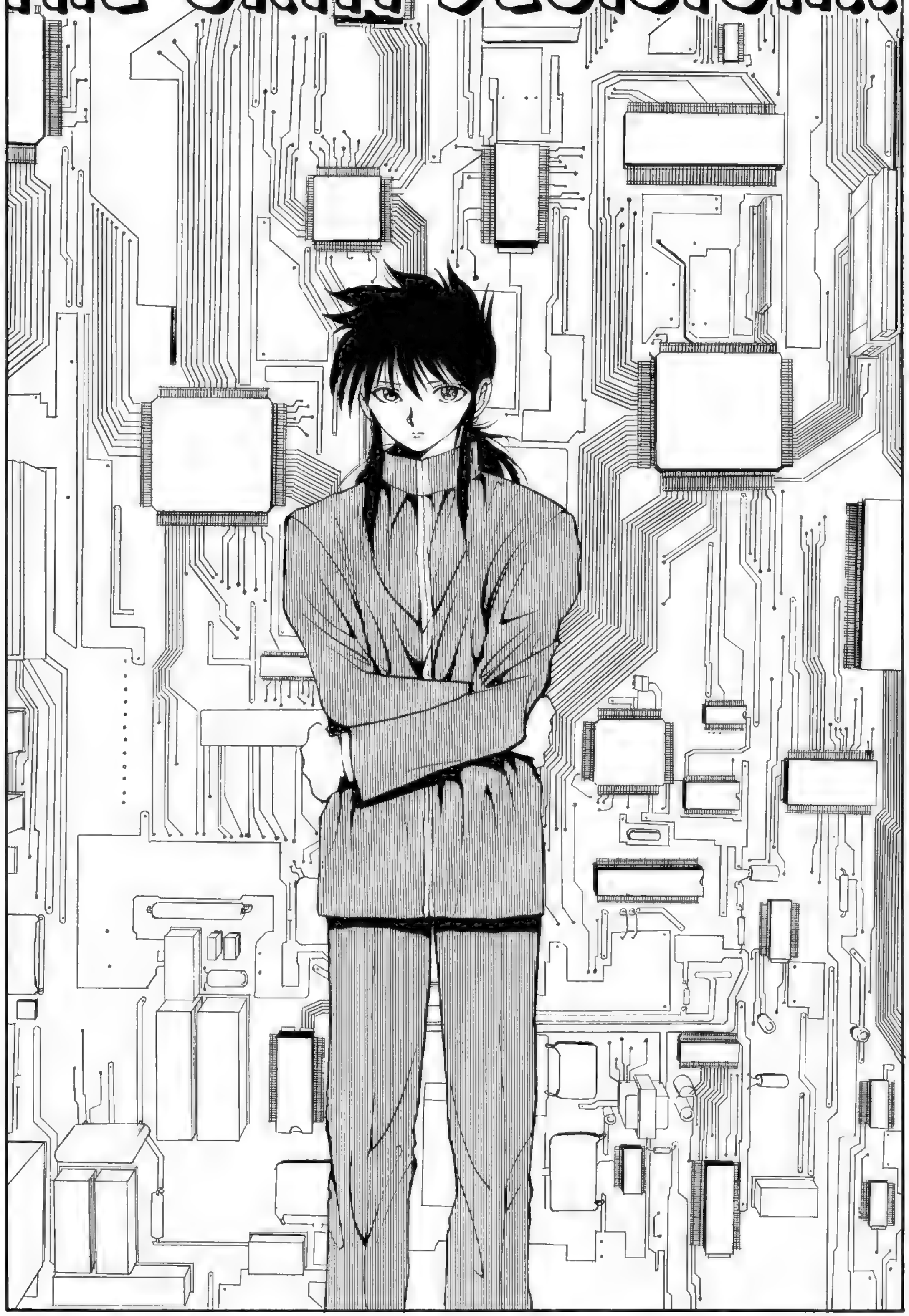
HMPH!

WHAT'S TWO MORE HOURS, ANYWAY?

NO NEED TO BE HASTY.

I AGREE.

THE GRIM DECISION!!



THEN YOU CAN BE ON YOUR MERRY WAY.

WE'LL JUST PLAY GAMES UNTIL THE PORTAL TO THE DEMON PLANE IS OPEN.

AND GET HIS **KICKS** WHILE HE'S AT IT.

SO HE'S ONLY OUT TO **WASTE OUR TIME!**

CAN'T WE GET AROUND THIS SNARL SOMEHOW?!

IT'S BEEN ALMOST **THREE HOURS!**

...

AS IN KAITO'S TERRITORY, POWERS THAT COULD INTERFERE DON'T FUNCTION.
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SUMMON FLAMES, BUT NO GO.

IT'S PLAY THE GAMES OR DIE.

HIEI?

WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER.
THUMP
THAT BEING THE CASE, I'M USELESS.

GOOD QUESTION.
I can't beat him.
WHAT'RE OUR CHANCES, Y'THINK?

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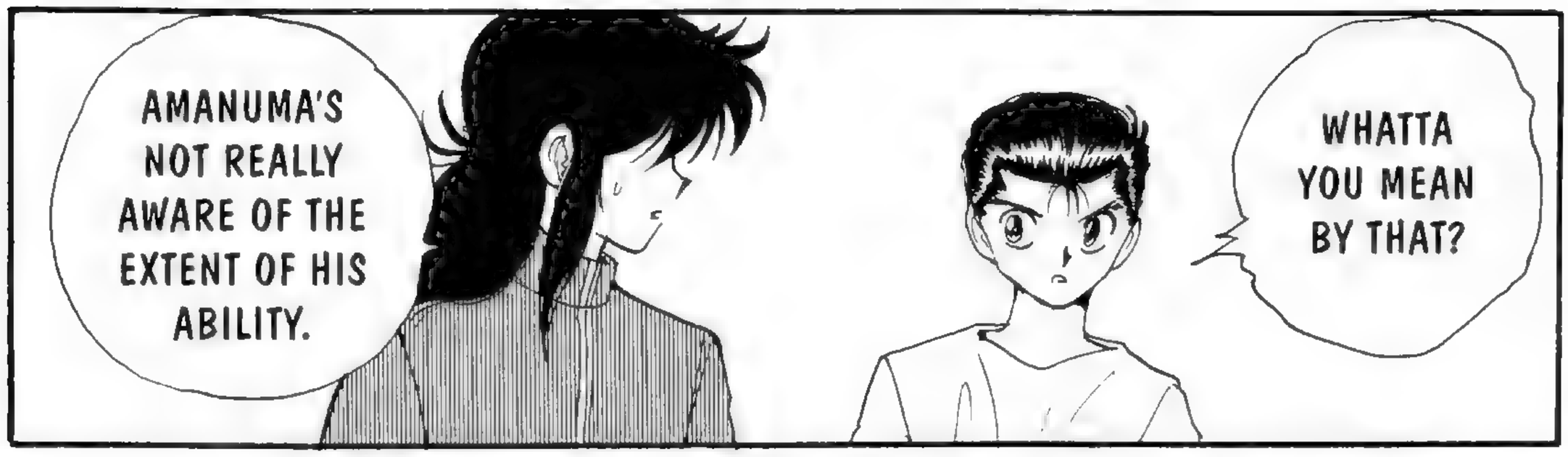
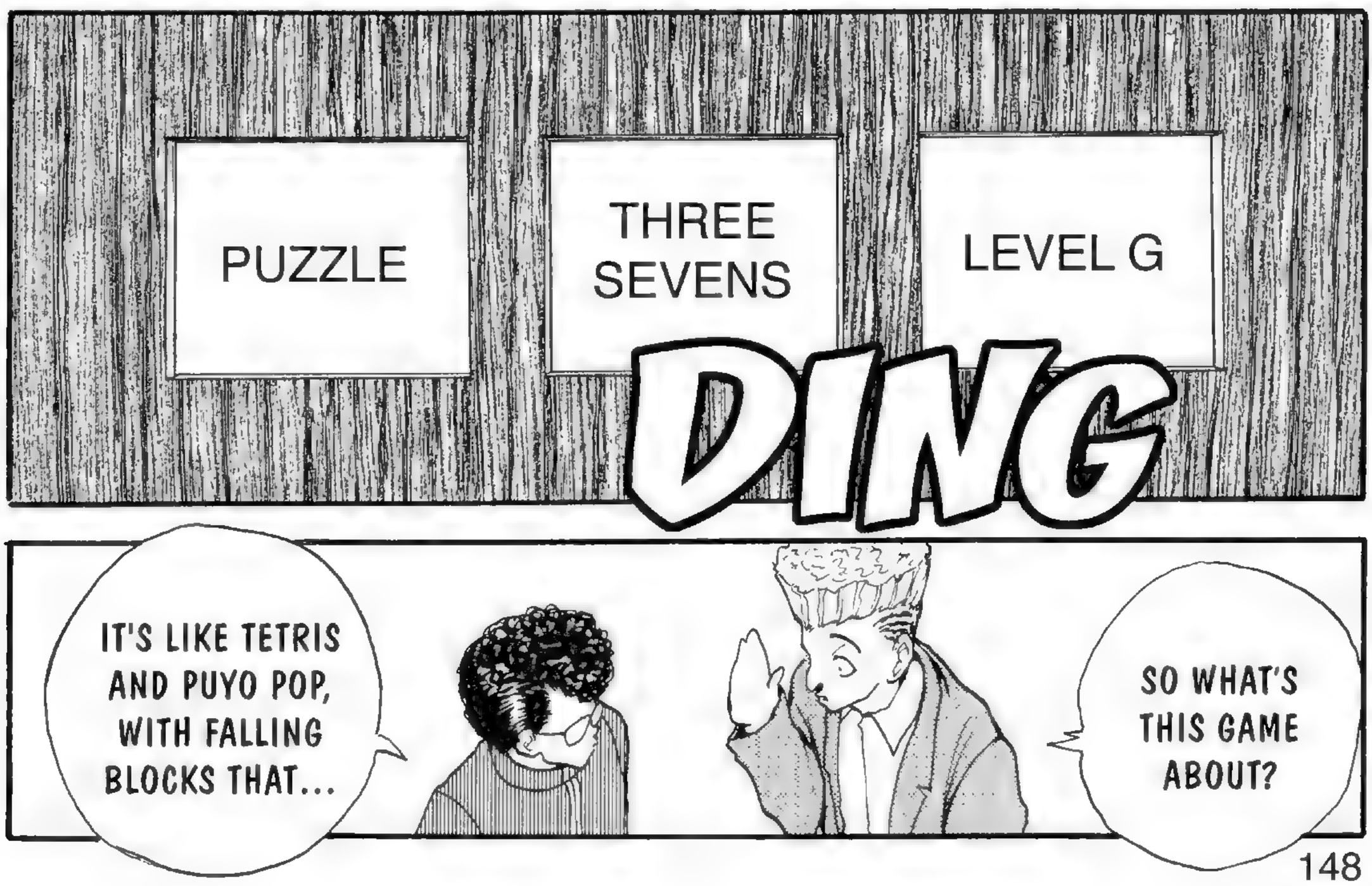
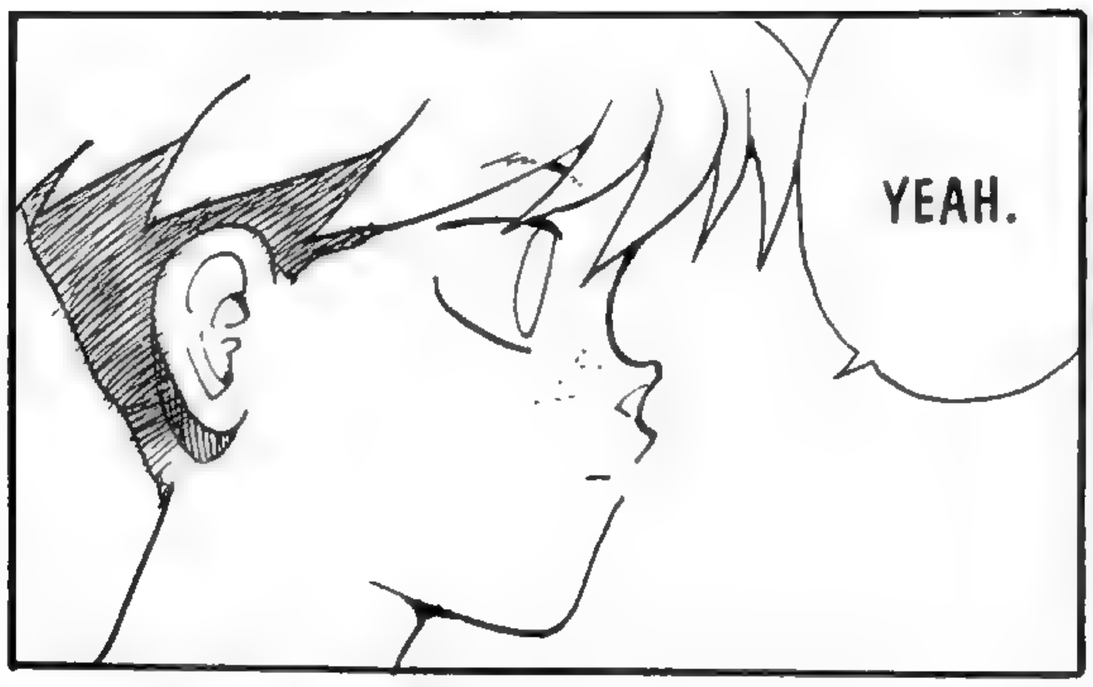
...THIS ISN'T GOING TO END WELL.
THE THING IS, IF I'M RIGHT...


AMANUMA'S NOT REALLY AWARE OF THE EXTENT OF HIS ABILITY.
WHATTA YOU MEAN BY THAT?

SENSUI'S JUST USING HIM AS A DELAYING TACTIC.
BUT HE'S DOING SO IN THE CRUELEST WAY POSSIBLE!

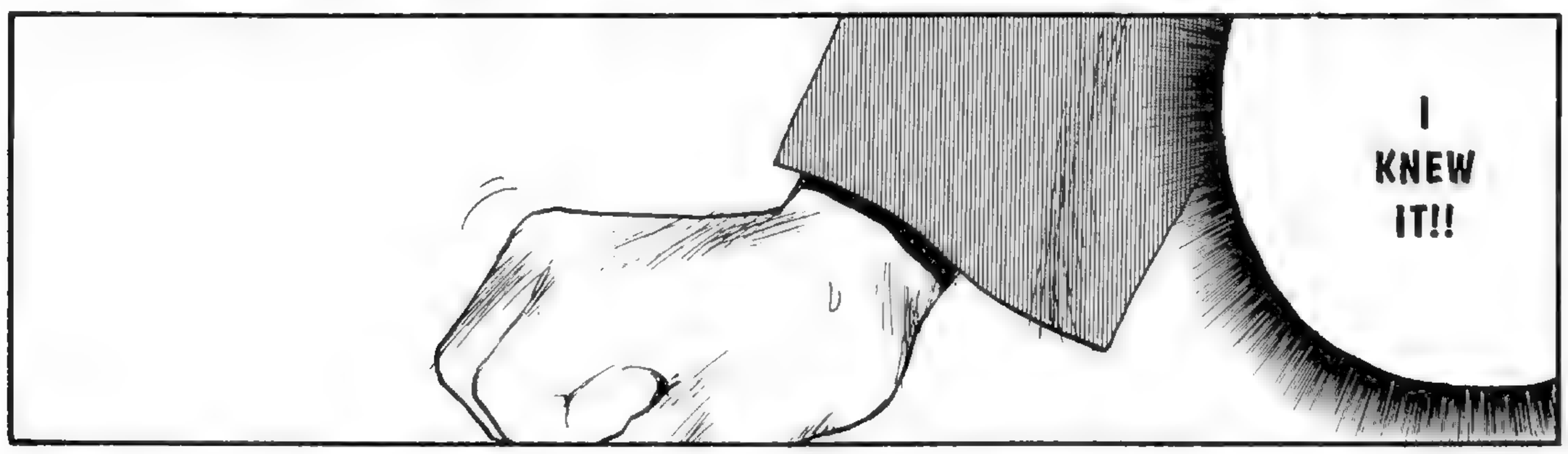

PUZZLE
THREE SEVENS
LEVEL G
DING
IT'S LIKE TETRIS AND PUYO POP, WITH FALLING BLOCKS THAT...
SO WHAT'S THIS GAME ABOUT?

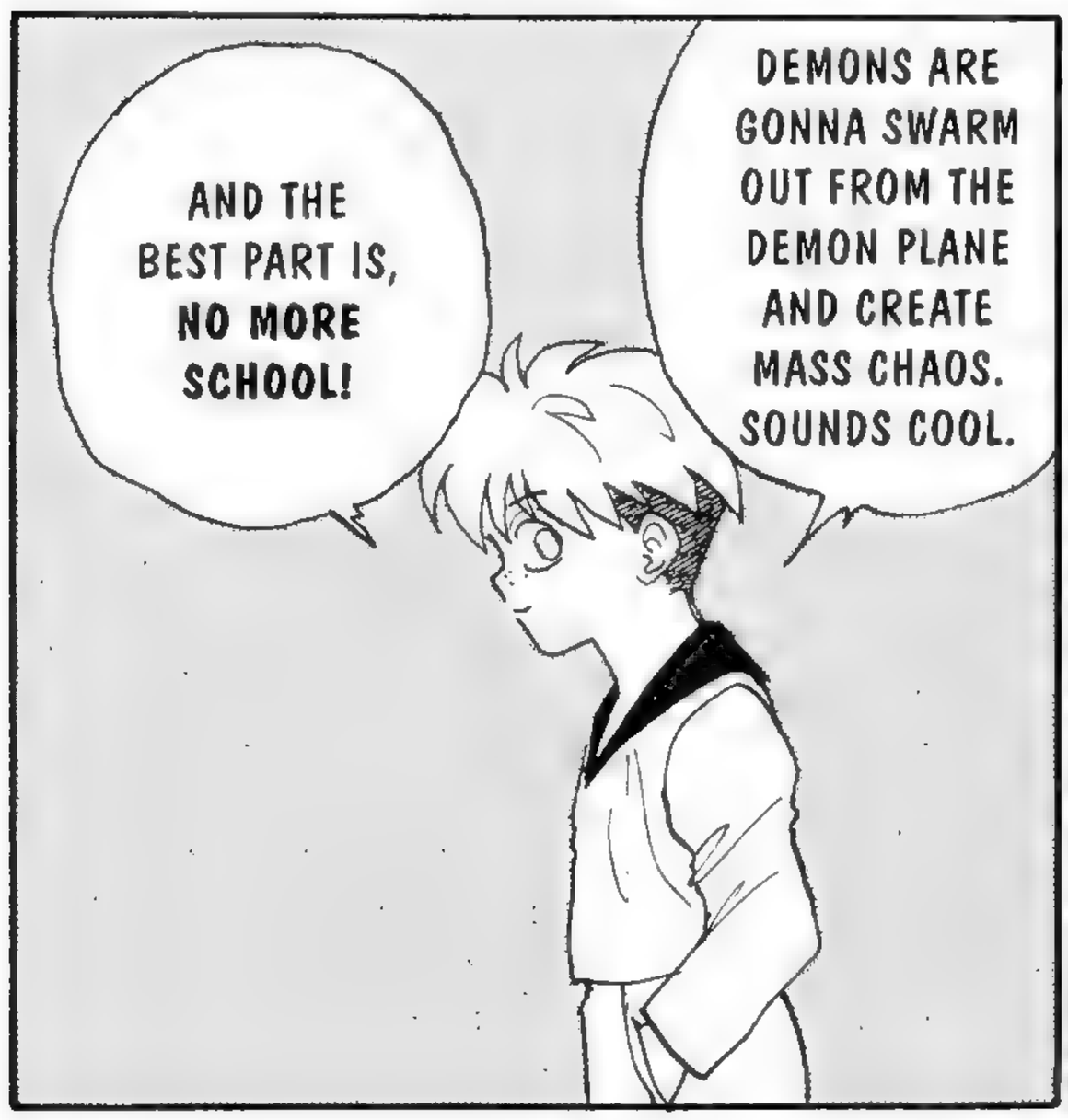
...NUMBER FROM ONE TO SEVEN AND DROP IN VARIOUS COMBINATIONS. YOU ELIMINATE THEM BY MAKING VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL ROWS THAT ADD UP TO SEVEN.
BUT AS THE NAME IMPLIES, YOU CAN ONLY ELIMINATE THE SEVENS BY LINING THEM UP THREE IN A ROW.
EXPERIENCE AND CONCENTRATION ARE THE KEYS, AND ONCE YOU'RE IN THE ZONE YOU CAN GO ON FOR HOURS.
MY HEAD HURTS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.
MINAMINO WON'T LET IT GO THAT LONG.
I FIGURE HE'LL DISTRACT AMANUMA SOMEHOW.
SURE.
AMANUMA... LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING.
IT TOOK ME TWO HOURS TO BEAT THE VIDEO GAME'S GAMER KING.
HOURS ?


YEAH.

DID SENSUI SUGGEST USING THE GAME BATTLER FOR THIS?

I JUST SAID "HECK, YEAH!"
"IT WOULD BE MOST FITTING," HE SAID.


I KNEW IT!!


AND THE BEST PART IS, NO MORE SCHOOL!
DEMONS ARE GONNA SWARM OUT FROM THE DEMON PLANE AND CREATE MASS CHAOS. SOUNDS COOL.

SURE I DO.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT SENSUI'S TRYING TO DO?

NO DEMON WILL EVER BE A SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO ME.

I'LL BE SAFE INSIDE IN MY TERRITORY, WITH MY GAMES.

IF YOU LOSE THIS GAME...

...YOU WILL DIE.

FORGET IT! IT WON'T WORK!

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO UNNERVE ME!

YOU, BETTER THAN ANYONE, MUST BE AWARE OF HOW THE VIDEO GAME ENDS.

WERE YOU AWARE OF THIS?

...THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME USING GAME BATTLER, RIGHT?
LET ME GUESS...

YEAH, IT IS.
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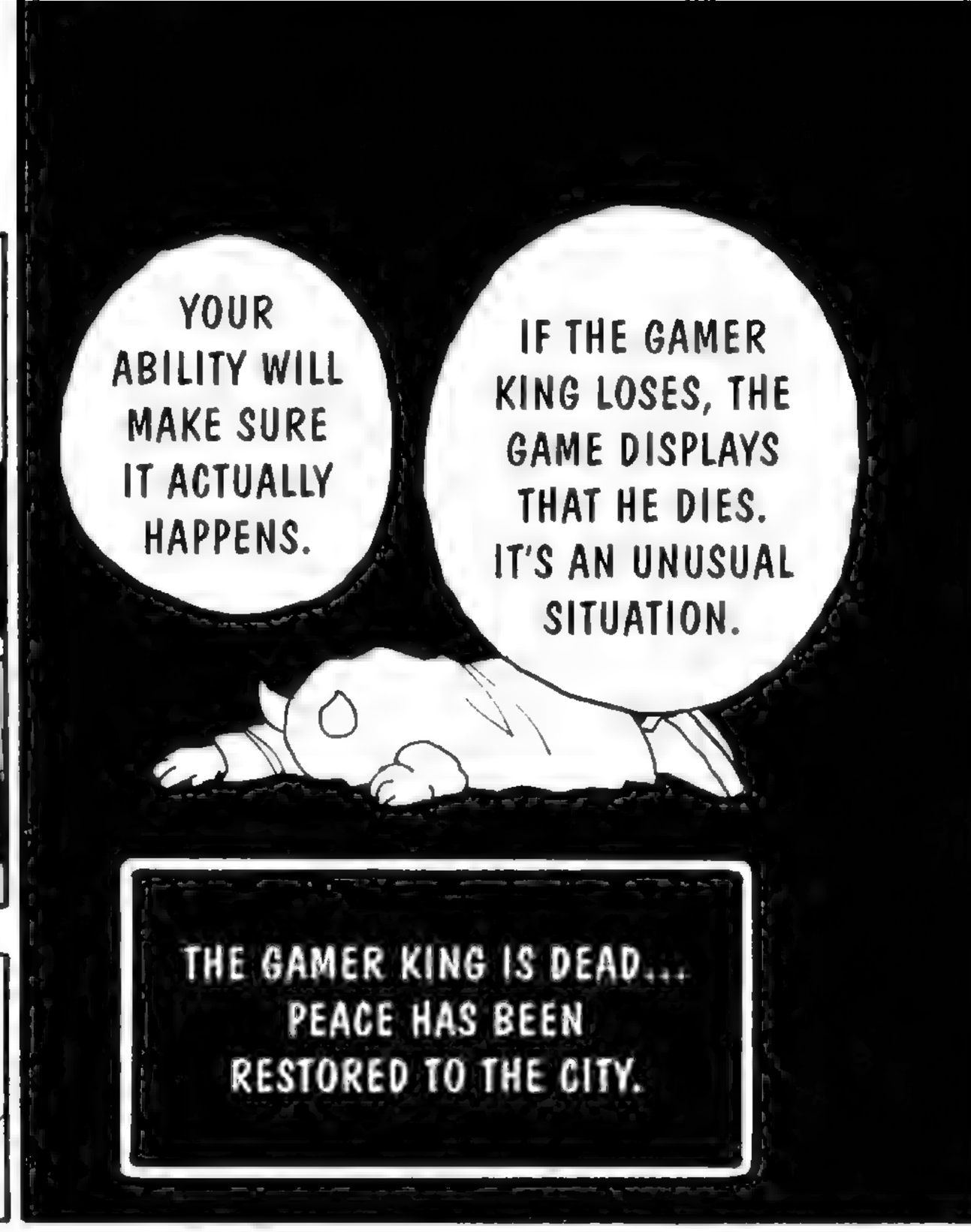
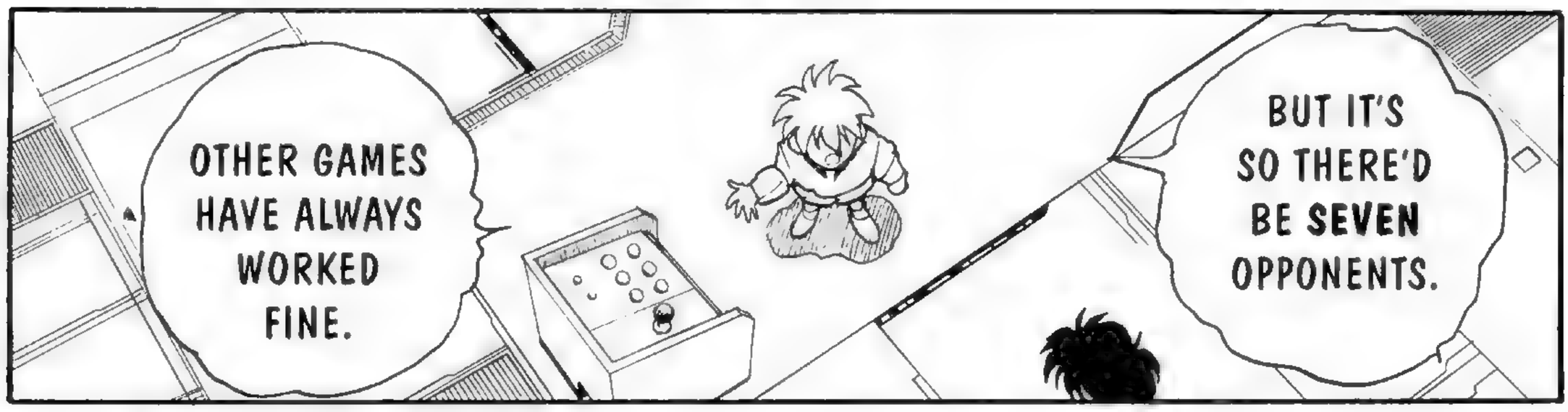
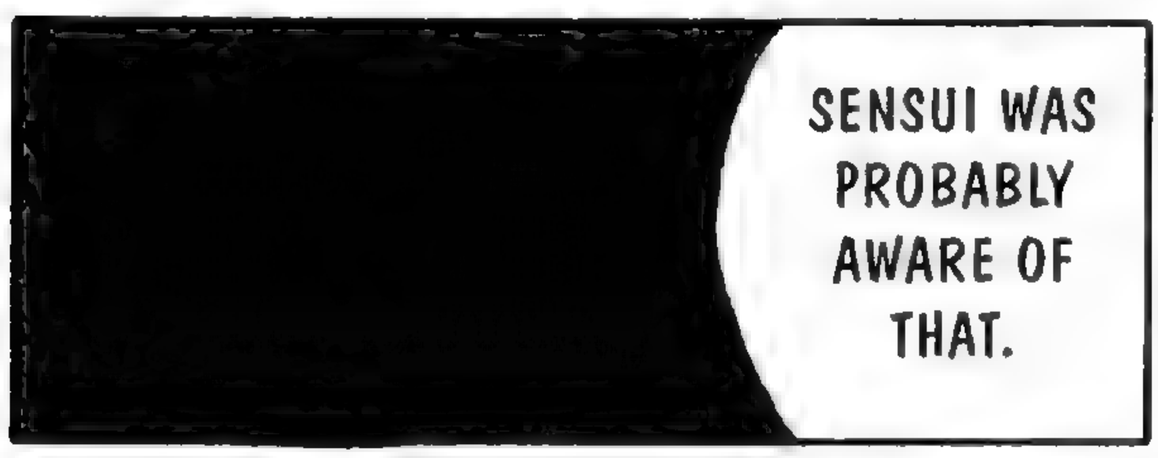
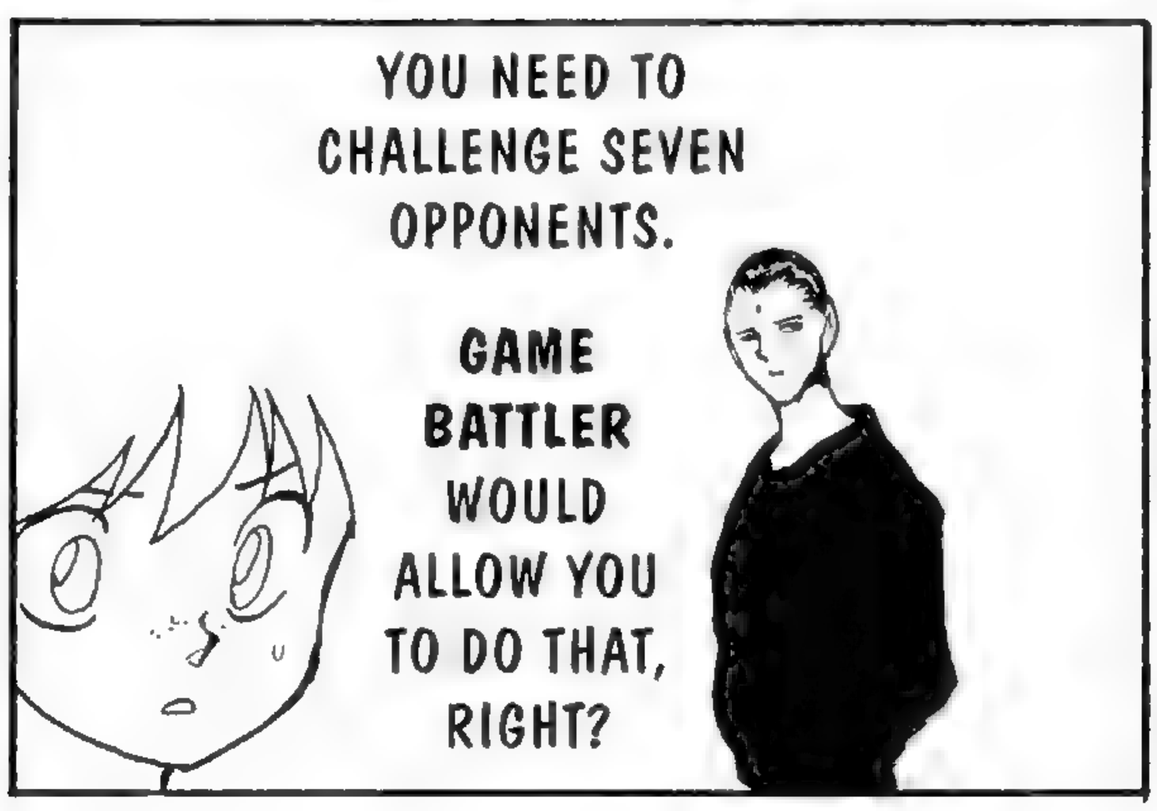
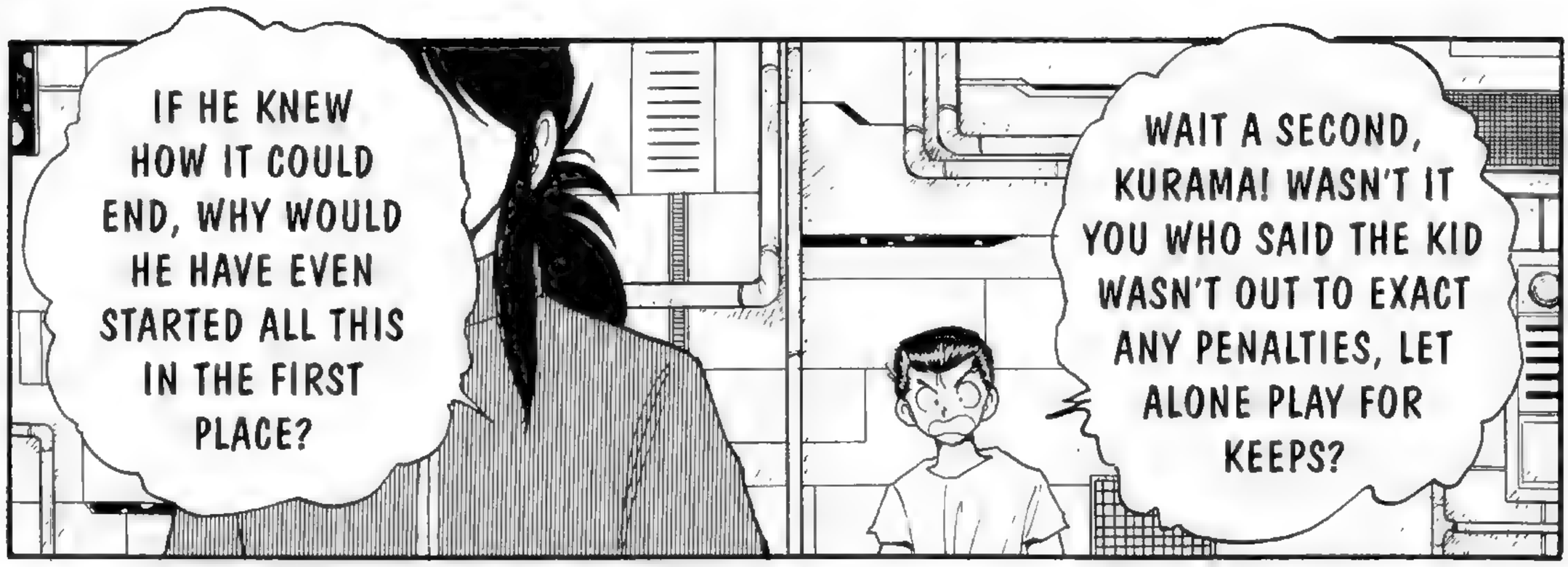

YOUR ABILITY WILL MAKE SURE IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS.
IF THE GAMER KING LOSES, THE GAME DISPLAYS THAT HE DIES. IT'S AN UNUSUAL SITUATION.
THE GAMER KING IS DEAD... PEACE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THE CITY.


OTHER GAMES HAVE ALWAYS WORKED FINE.
BUT IT'S SO THERE'D BE SEVEN OPPONENTS.


SENSUI WAS PROBABLY AWARE OF THAT.

...IF HE LOSES. BUT NOW YOU'RE COMMITTED TO ONE THAT WILL.
OTHER GAMES...THAT DON'T KILL OFF THE MAIN CHARACTER...


YOU NEED TO CHALLENGE SEVEN OPPONENTS.
GAME BATTLER WOULD ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT, RIGHT?


IF HE KNEW HOW IT COULD END, WHY WOULD HE HAVE EVEN STARTED ALL THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WAIT A SECOND, KURAMA! WASN'T IT YOU WHO SAID THE KID WASN'T OUT TO EXACT ANY PENALTIES, LET ALONE PLAY FOR KEEPS?

AND KIDS ARE EASILY SWAYED...
...BY ADULTS WHO PLAY TO THEIR CHILDISH IMPULSES, AS SENSUI CLEARLY DID.

...
AMANUMA IS A KID.
AS YOU SAID...

GASP!
THE ONE WHOSE SCREEN FILLS TO THE TOP FIRST LOSES!
THE GAME BEGINS!

5
1
BIP
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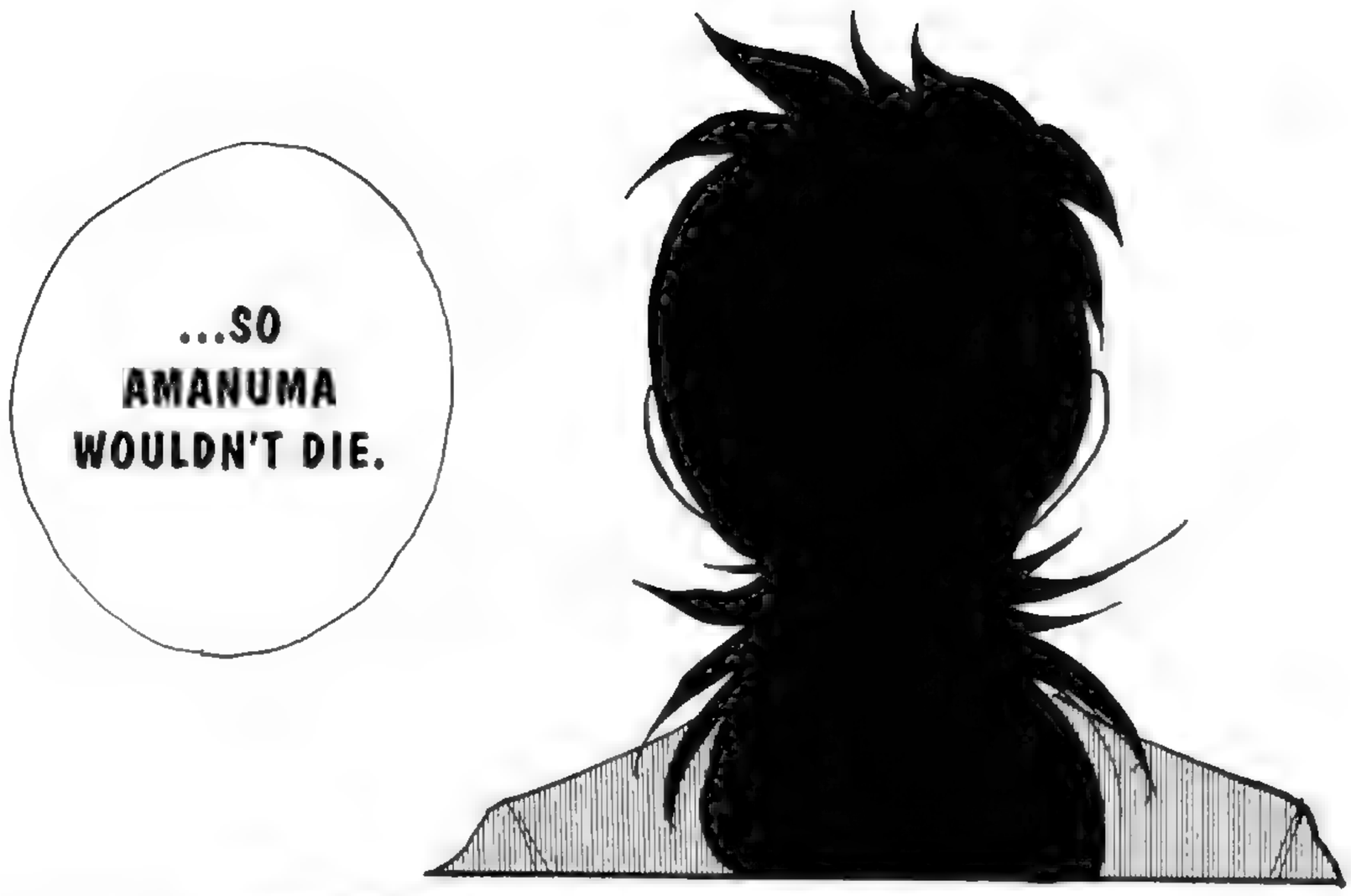
BIP

AND THAT JERKWATER SENSUI KNEW THAT?
...BUT AMANUMA LOSES ONCE AND HE'S TOAST?
SO IT'S OKAY FOR US TO JUST LOSE AND LOSE...

...AND JUST KEEP PLAYING AND LOSING, AGAIN AND AGAIN...
HE EXPECTED US TO FIGURE THIS OUT...

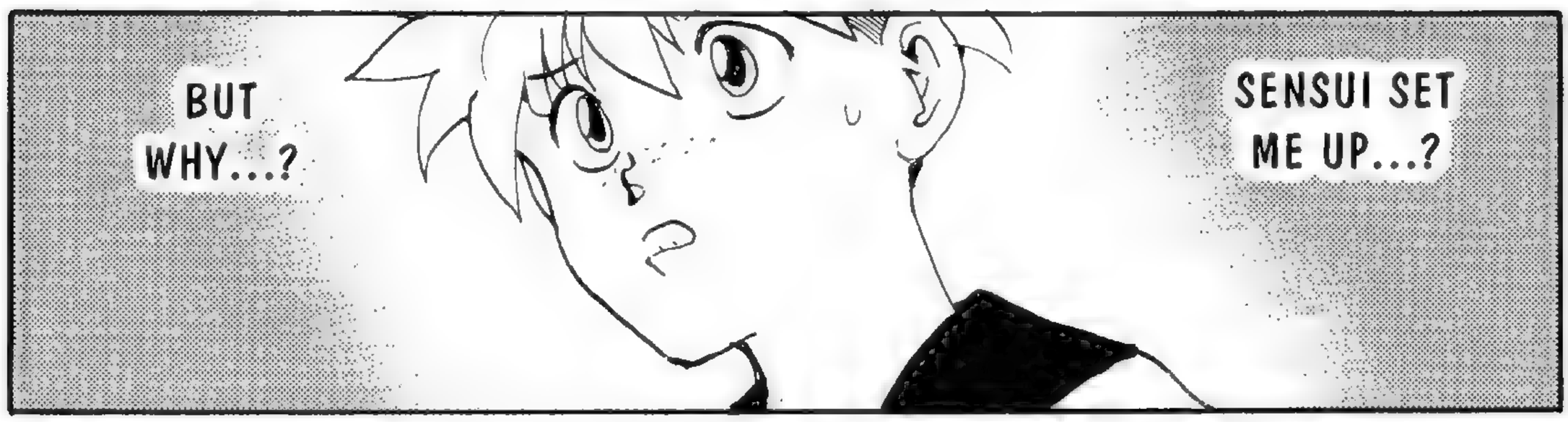
...YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM.
HE PLAYED ON AMANUMA'S...


...SO AMANUMA WOULDN'T DIE.

GEEZ, KURAMA!

IT'S A COLD, DIRTY, UNDER-HANDED TACTIC.
AND HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE.

BUT KURAMA MEANS TO WIN. HE TOLD AMANUMA THE TRUTH...
...TO MAKE HIM LOSE FOCUS. THAT WILL SAVE TIME.


BUT WHY...?
SENSUI SET ME UP...?

I'M NO PUSH-OVER.
SURE.

CARE TO PLAY ME?

THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED.

I HAVEN'T BEEN CHALLENGED LIKE THAT IN AGES!
WOW! THAT WAS SOMETHIN', SENSUI!

OH? WHAT, THEN?

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER FIRST...

NOT THESE JUVENILE ARCADE THINGS.
WANNA PLAY AGAIN?
Amie

...AND YOUR ABILITY WOULD HELP A LOT.

I'M GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD...

AREN'T YOU TIRED OF THE STUPIDITY OF...

...YOUR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND CLASS-MATES?

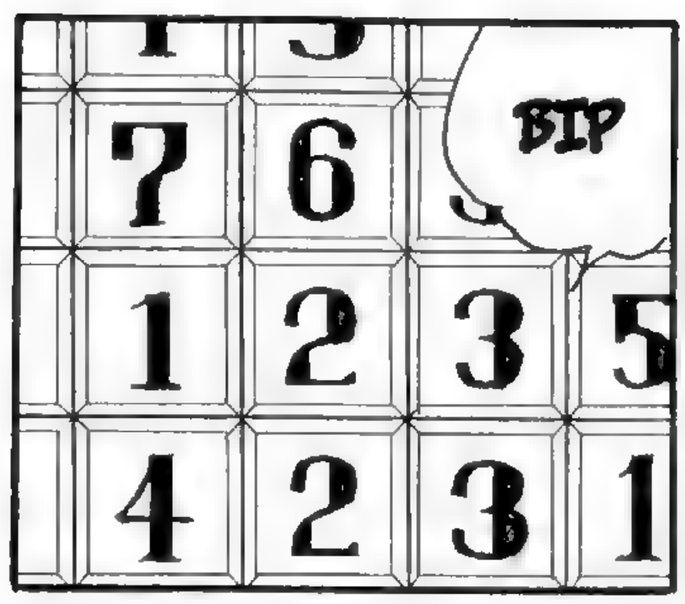
DON'T YOU FIND THE WORLD RATHER... TEDIOUS?

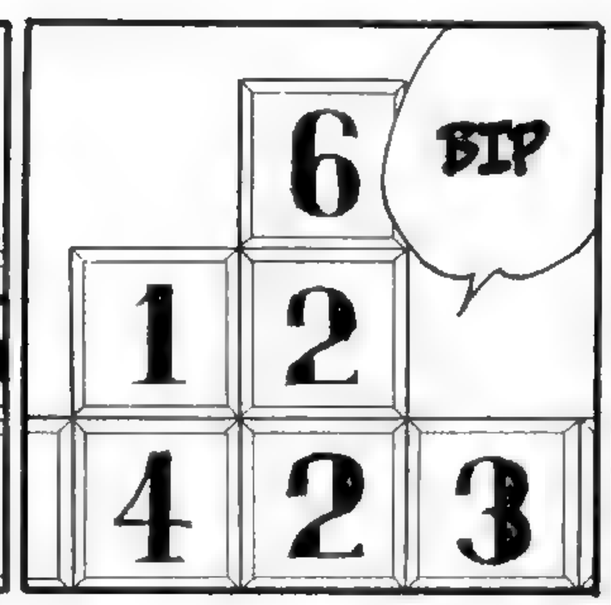
HOW DID I LET THIS HAPPEN? I THOUGHT I RULED IN MY TERRITORY, BUT THE FACT IS I'M TRAPPED!

GAMES ARE THE GAMER KING'S ONLY REASON FOR BEING. SO WHEN HE LOSES, HE DIES...

WITH YOUR ABILITY DRIVING IT, THEY'LL HAVE **NO CHANCE** AGAINST YOU...

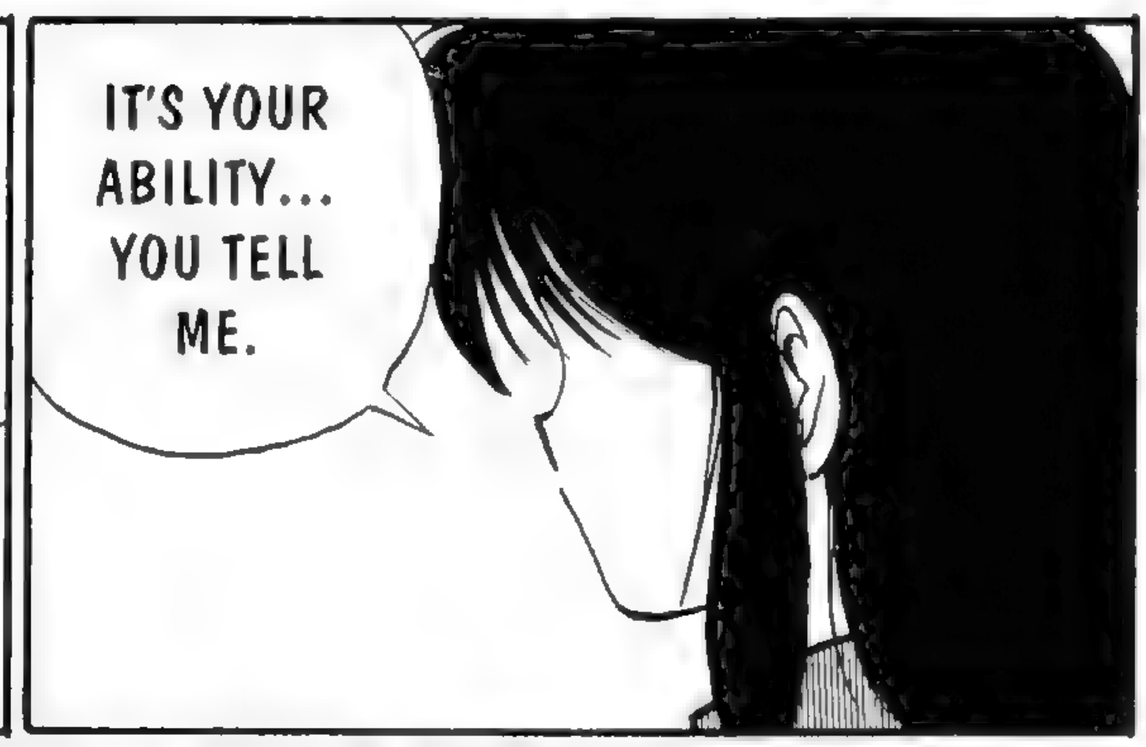
USE GAME BATTLER TO FIGHT URAMESHI...IT WILL **ASSURE YOUR TRIUMPH!**



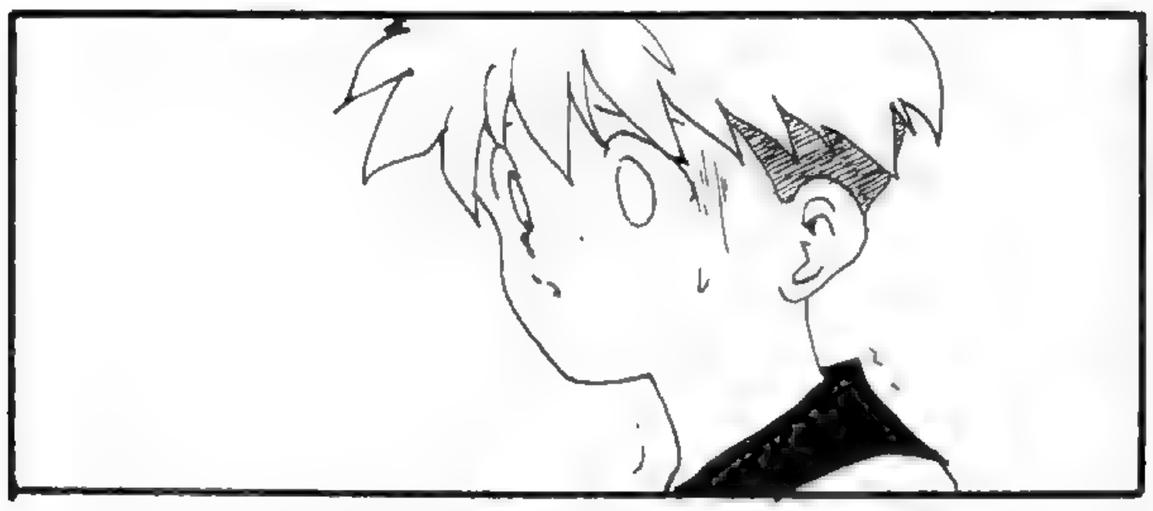


...ISN'T THERE A WAY OUT OF THIS?
LOOK... UM...

ONCE I'M A CHARACTER IN A GAME...
...I CAN'T WITHDRAW, OR FORFEIT! PLEASE...

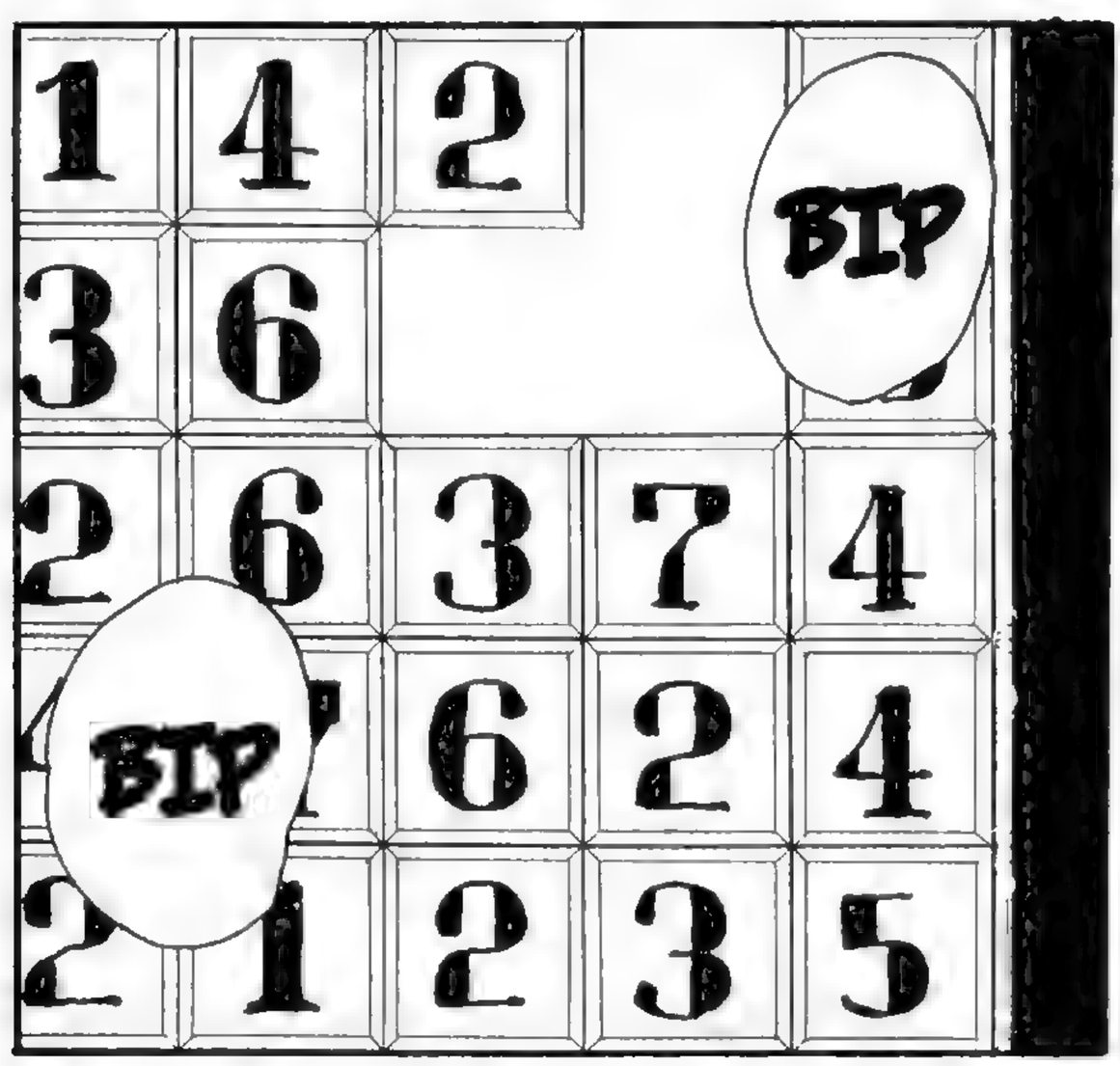

IT'S YOUR ABILITY... YOU TELL ME.

SORRY, KID...THAT'S HOW IT IS.



SENSUI SWAYED YOU WITH HIS WORDS...
...BUT YOU LET YOURSELF BE SWAYED BY THEM.

PLEASE, I DON'T WANNA DIE...
I KNOW, I WAS STUPID, BUT I JUST... I JUST...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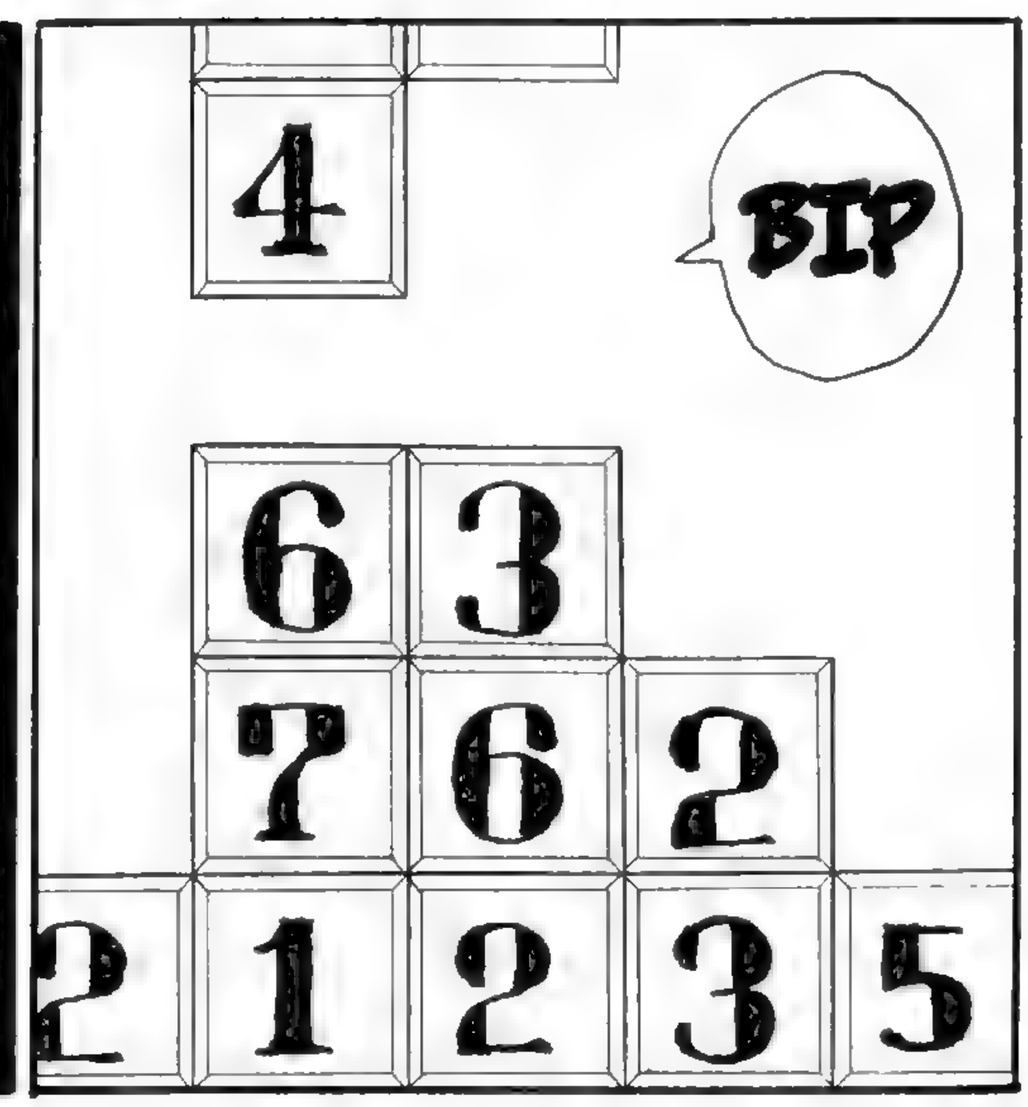
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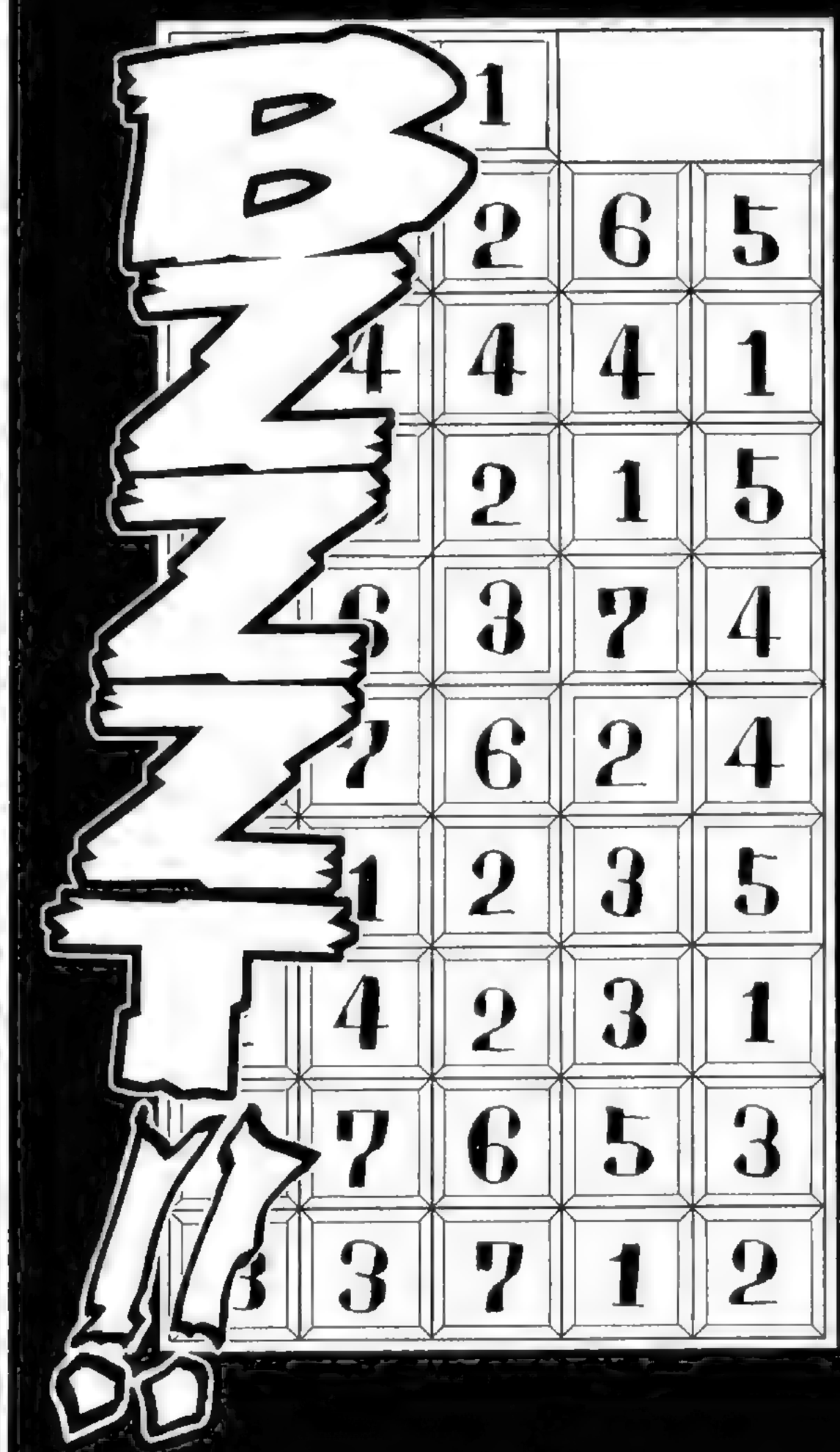
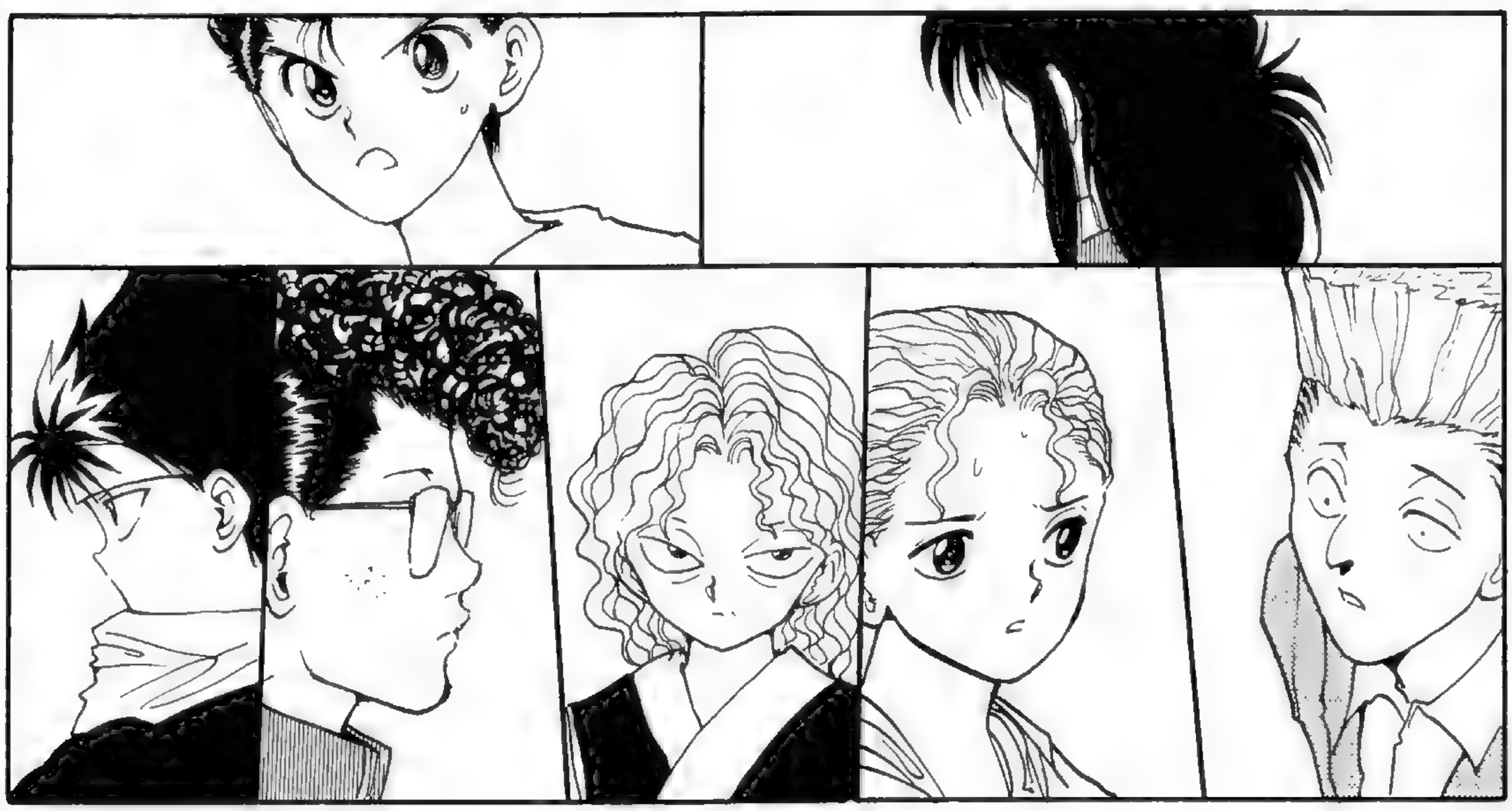
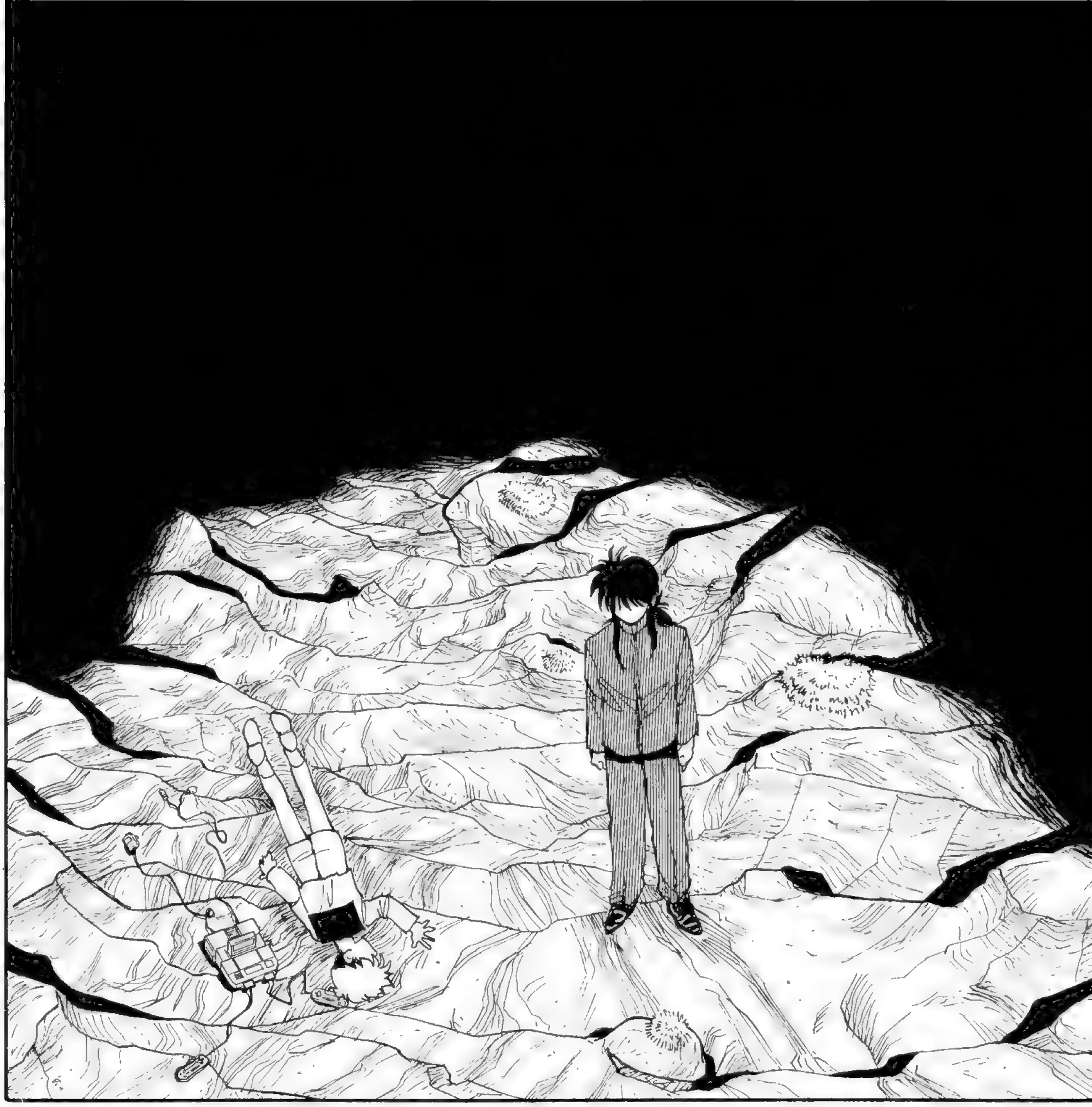
GAME OVER!!

LOSER: THE GAMER KING!!

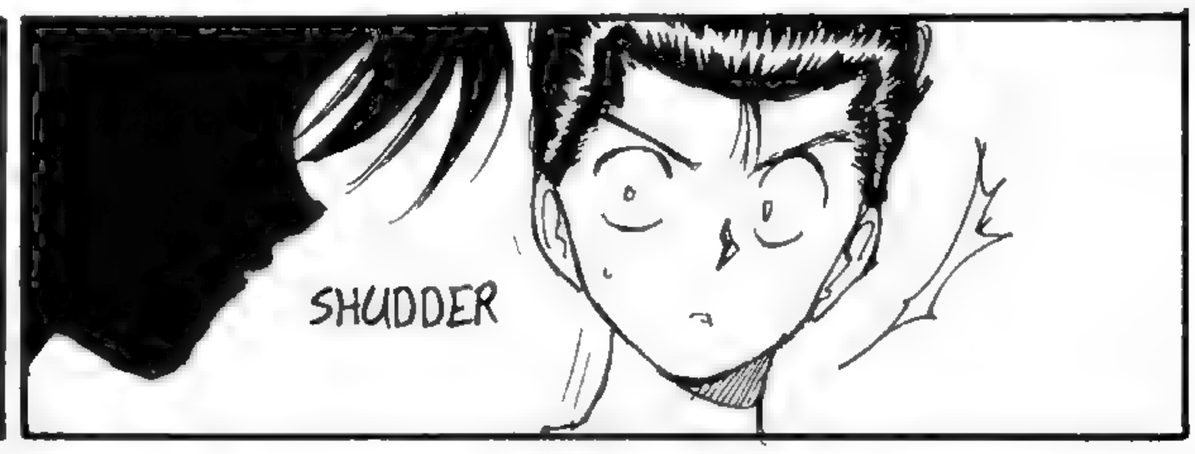






THE GAME BATTLER

KURAMA...



STANDOFF AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR!!

PEOPLE WERE BEEN UNAWARE THEIR CITY HAD BEEN SWARMING WITH LESSER DEMONS.

THEY WERE NO MORE AWARE WHEN THOSE DEMONS FLED, SENSING SOMETHING DIRE IN THE OFFING.

THE THUNDER-STORM WARNING FOR SWARM CITY HAS BEEN CANCELED.

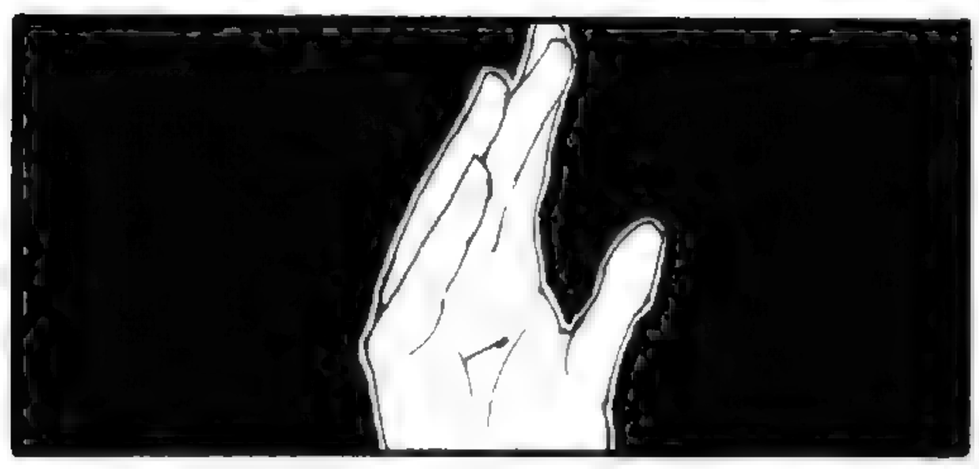
AUTHORITIES HAVE STILL BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE KAMIYA...

IT WAS THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM...

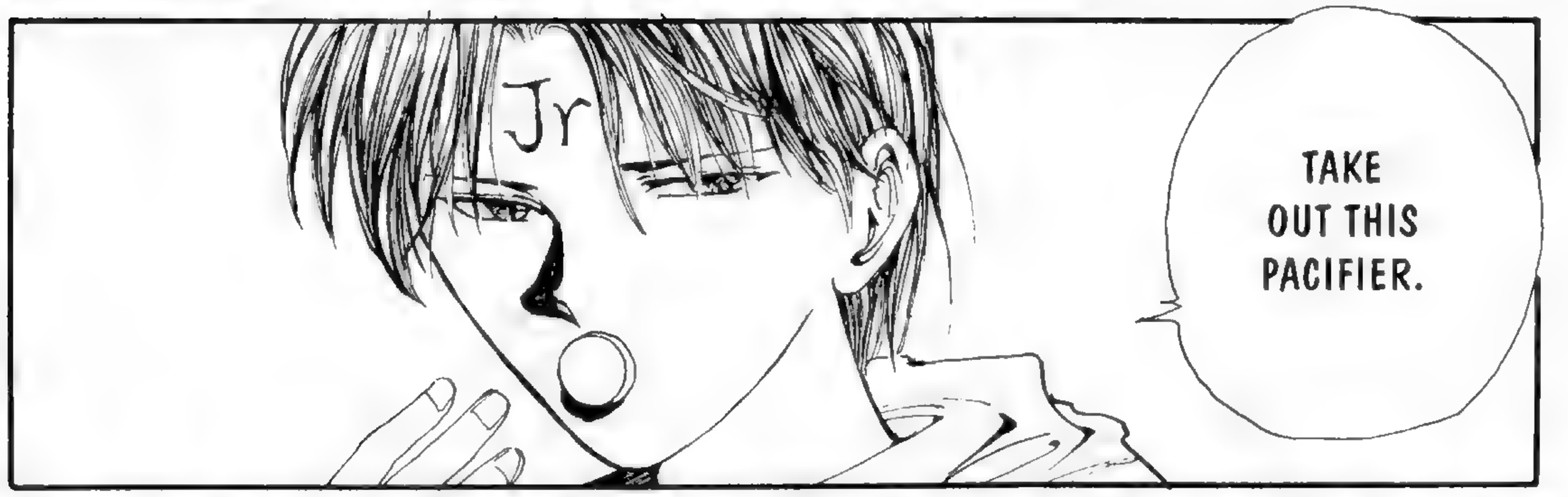
ELEVENTH HOUR!!

STANDOFF AT THE

TO DO WHAT?
YEAH?



GETTING PERMISSION FROM DAD.
SO WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?


TAKE OUT THIS PACIFIER.

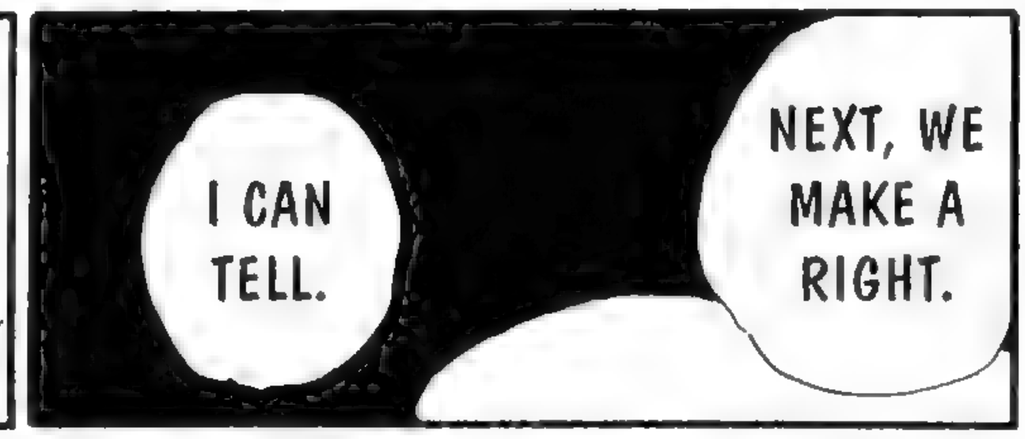
OH GOSH!!

I'M GOING IN TO JOIN YUSUKE.

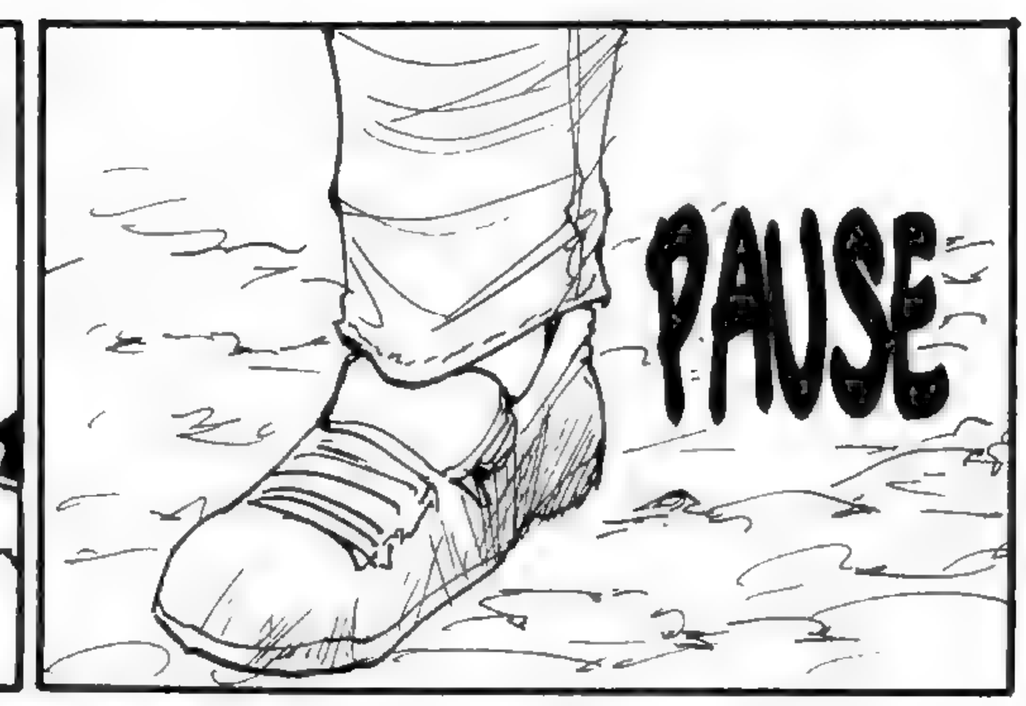
KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS OUT HERE. IN TWO HOURS...

AN HOUR AND A HALF AFTER KOENMA ENTERED THE CAVE...

...GENKAI, YANAGISAWA, AND KAITO TURNED BACK, LEAVING THE OTHER FOUR TO HEAD TOWARD SENSUI AS PLANNED.



THE CAVE VEERS LEFT IN 50 METERS.
THAT'S THE CENTER!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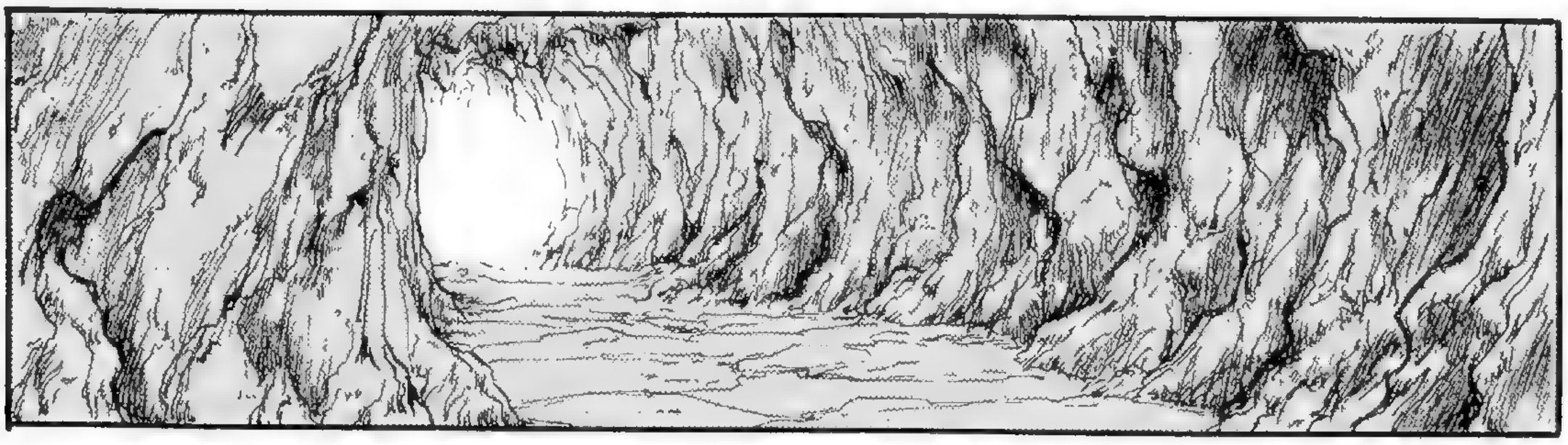
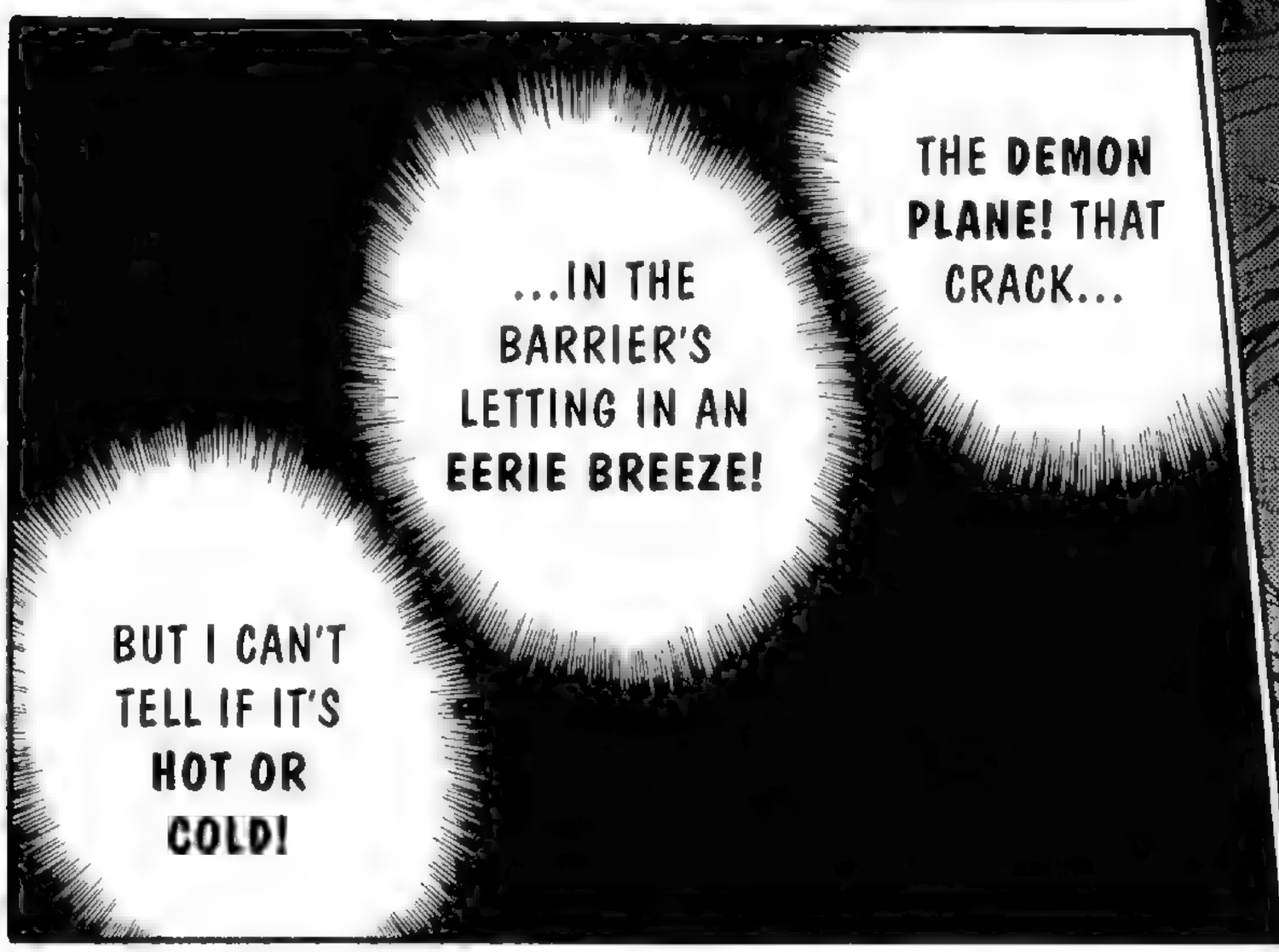


KUWABARA!
URMUFFI!

WHOOOO
WELCOME.

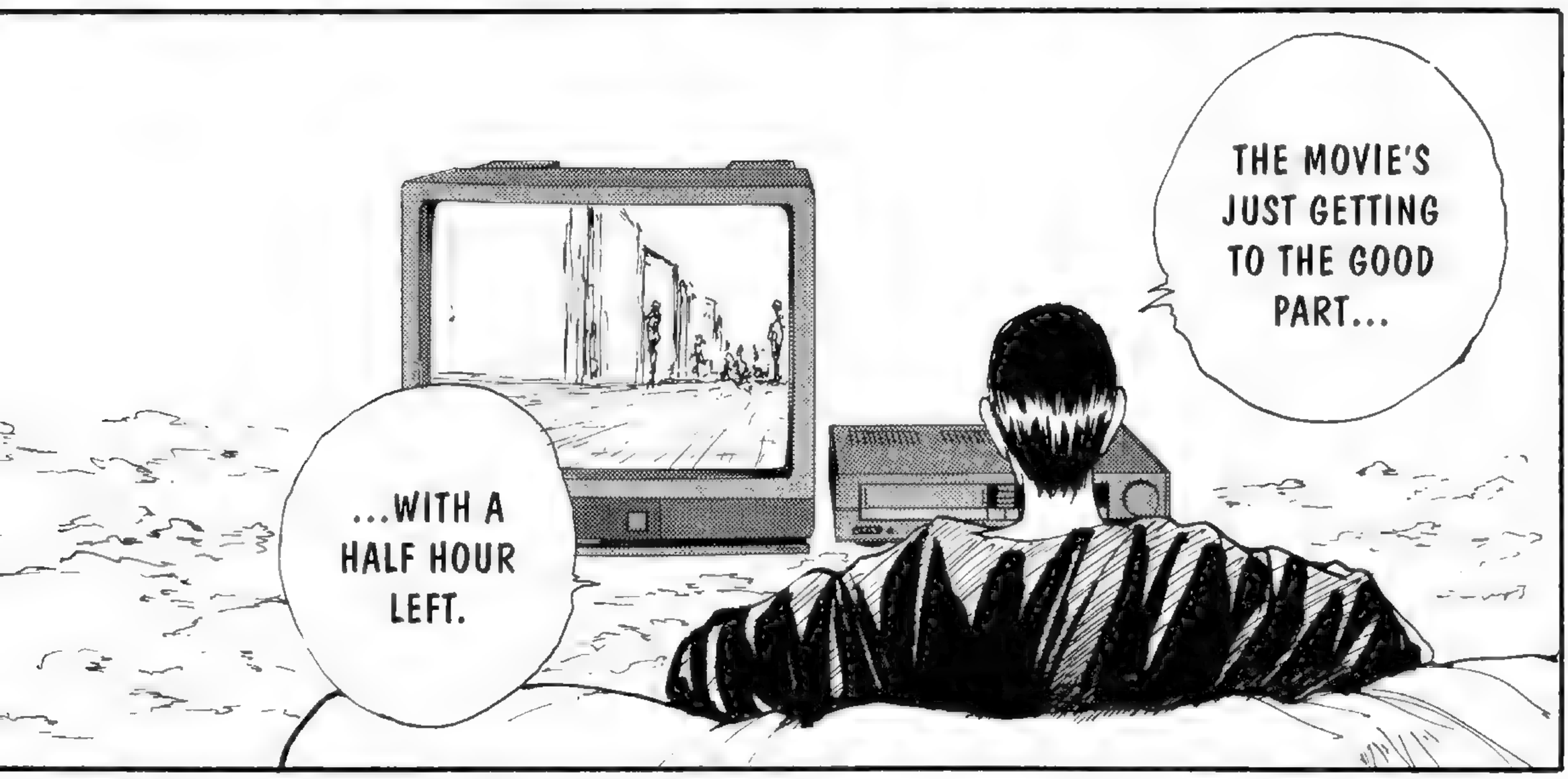
Hi Ro Ga

Gulp

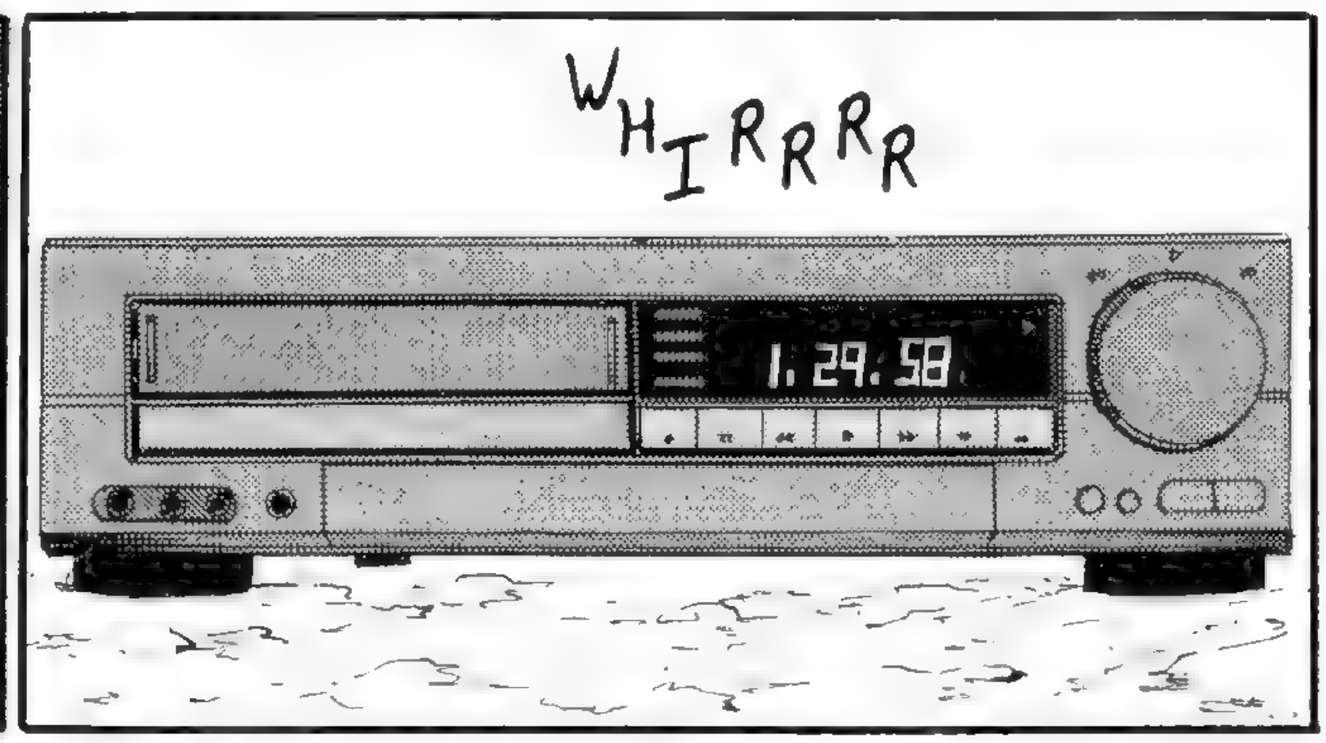

THE DEMON PLANE! THAT CRACK...
...IN THE BARRIER'S LETTING IN AN EERIE BREEZE!
BUT I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S HOT OR COLD!

CRACK

...AND IT'S AS DEADLY AS IT LOOKS! THE VERY AIR IS TOXIC TO YOU.
YOU HUMANS ARE FACING THE DEMON PLANE FOR THE FIRST TIME...


THE MOVIE'S JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART...
...WITH A HALF HOUR LEFT.

1H 30M 00S
PLAY
FAST FORWARD
STOP


WHIRRRR
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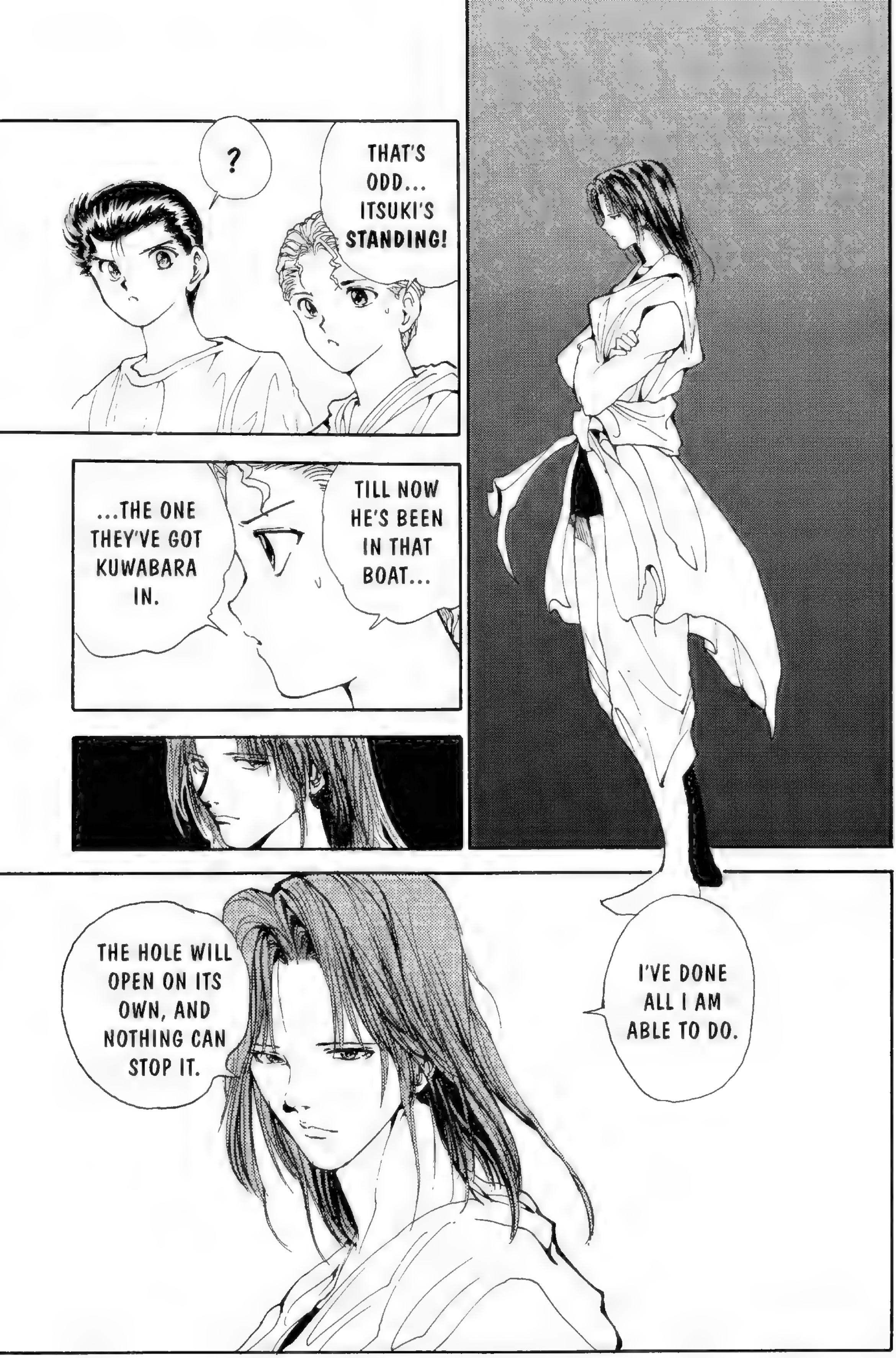
...SEEMS TO BE GENOCIDE IN THE CAUSE OF A GREATER GOOD.
THE STORY'S NOT TERRIBLY ORIGINAL. THE THEME...

WHEN IT PLAYS, THE TUNNEL WILL BE COMPLETE.
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AT THE END, THOUGH.
WEAVE
THIRTY MINUTES LEFT!!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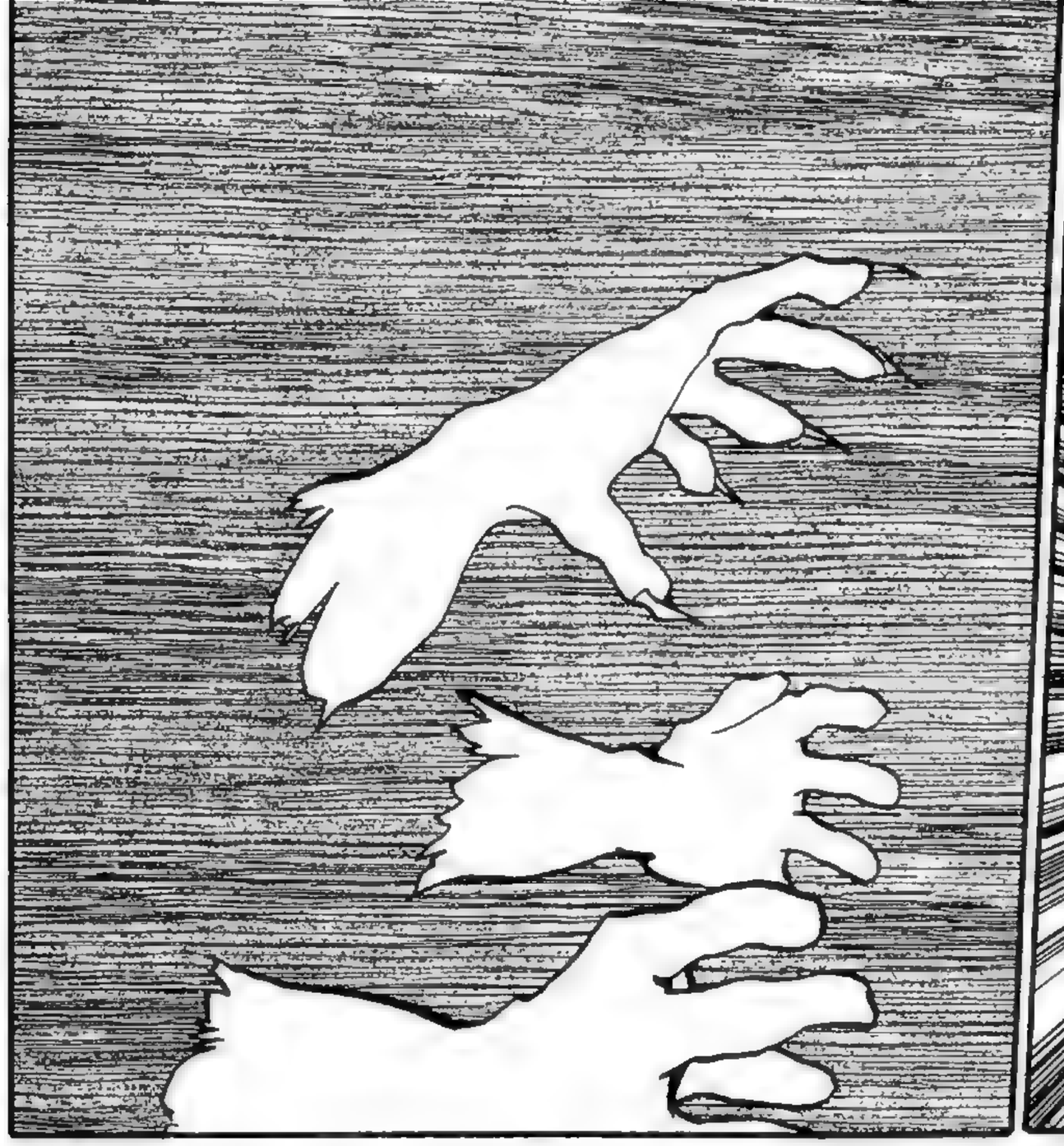
THAT'S ODD... ITSUKI'S STANDING!
...THE ONE THEY'VE GOT KUWABARA IN.
TILL NOW HE'S BEEN IN THAT BOAT...
I'VE DONE ALL I AM ABLE TO DO.
THE HOLE WILL OPEN ON ITS OWN, AND NOTHING CAN STOP IT.



CRACK

!

HUMAN FLESH!!
IT'S BEEN CENTURIES SINCE WE'VE TASTED IT!!
GAAH!

CLASS-C DEMONS, I'D SAY. LIKE PIGS AT A TROUGH, ALL THEY WANT TO DO IS GORGE THEMSELVES.

CLASS-B DEMONS ACTUALLY HAVE MORE THAN THEIR BELLIES ON THEIR MINDS.

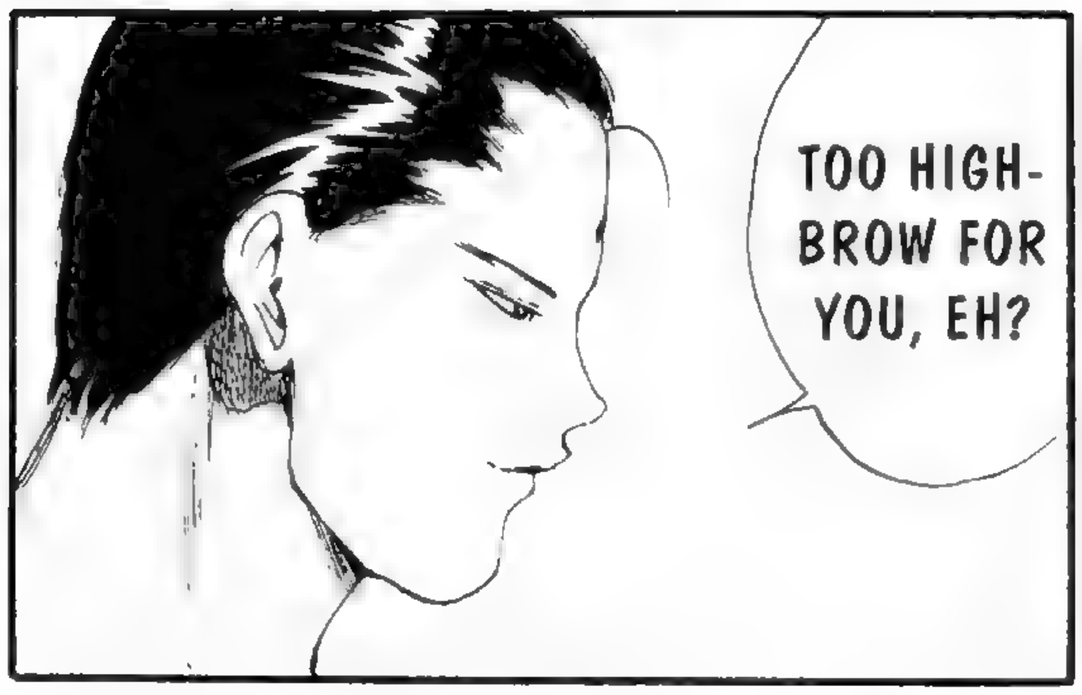
THEY WILL STAY BACK, BIDING THEIR TIME, WAITING FOR THE FIRST FLUSH OF CHAOS TO SUBSIDE.

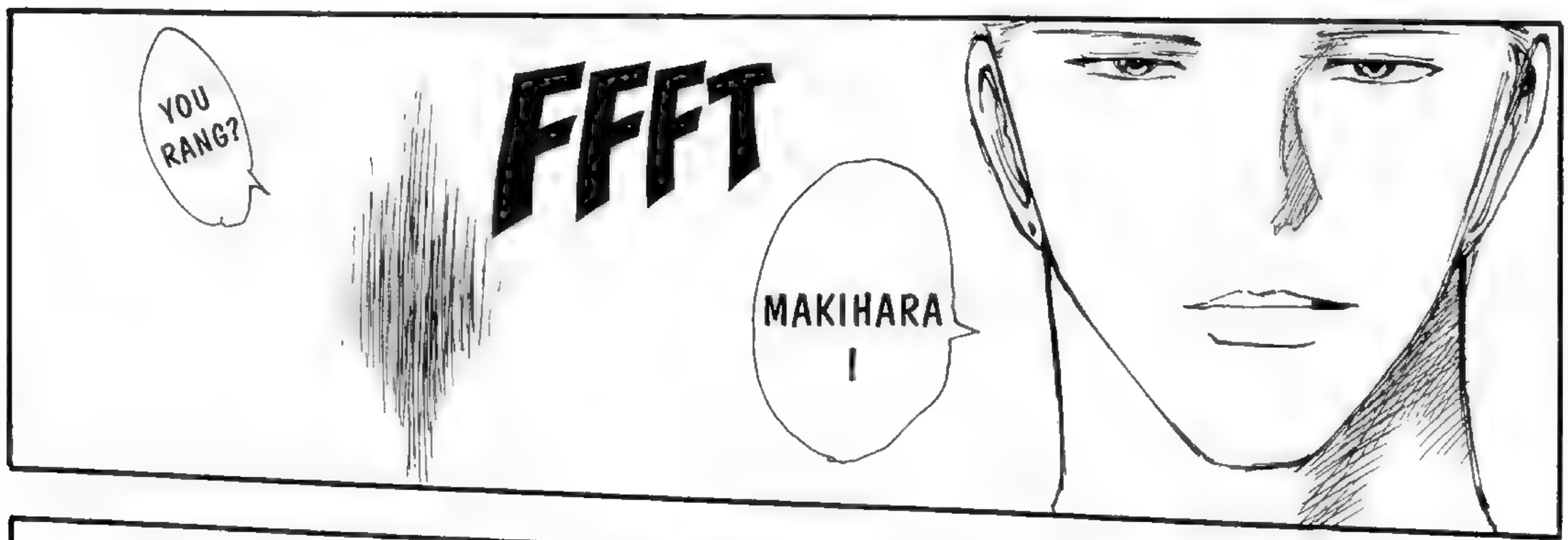
AS FOR CLASS-A, SOME HAVE A REAL QUALITY OF MYTH ABOUT THEM, AND HAVE EVEN BEEN DEIFIED.

YOU MIGHT SEE **LEGENDARY CREATURES** NO ONE HAS LAID EYES ON IN MILLENNIA.

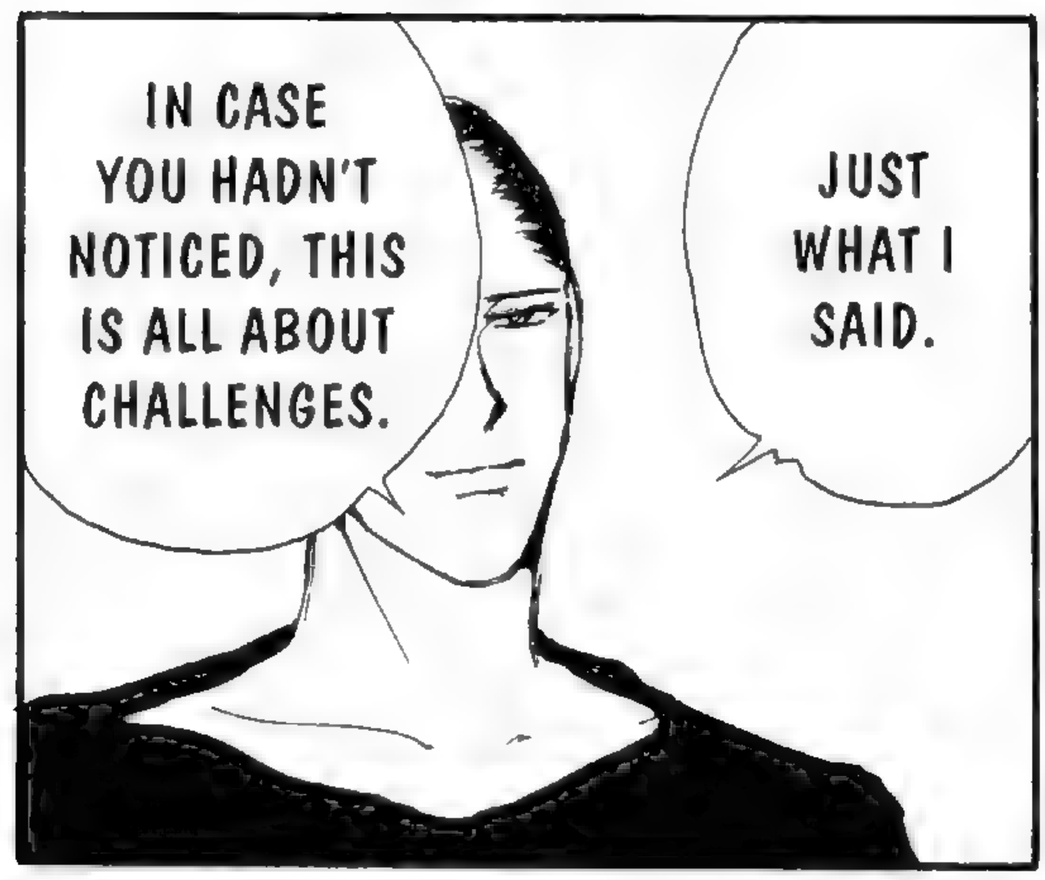
THEY WERE WORSHIPPED ONCE, AND **WILL BE AGAIN!**

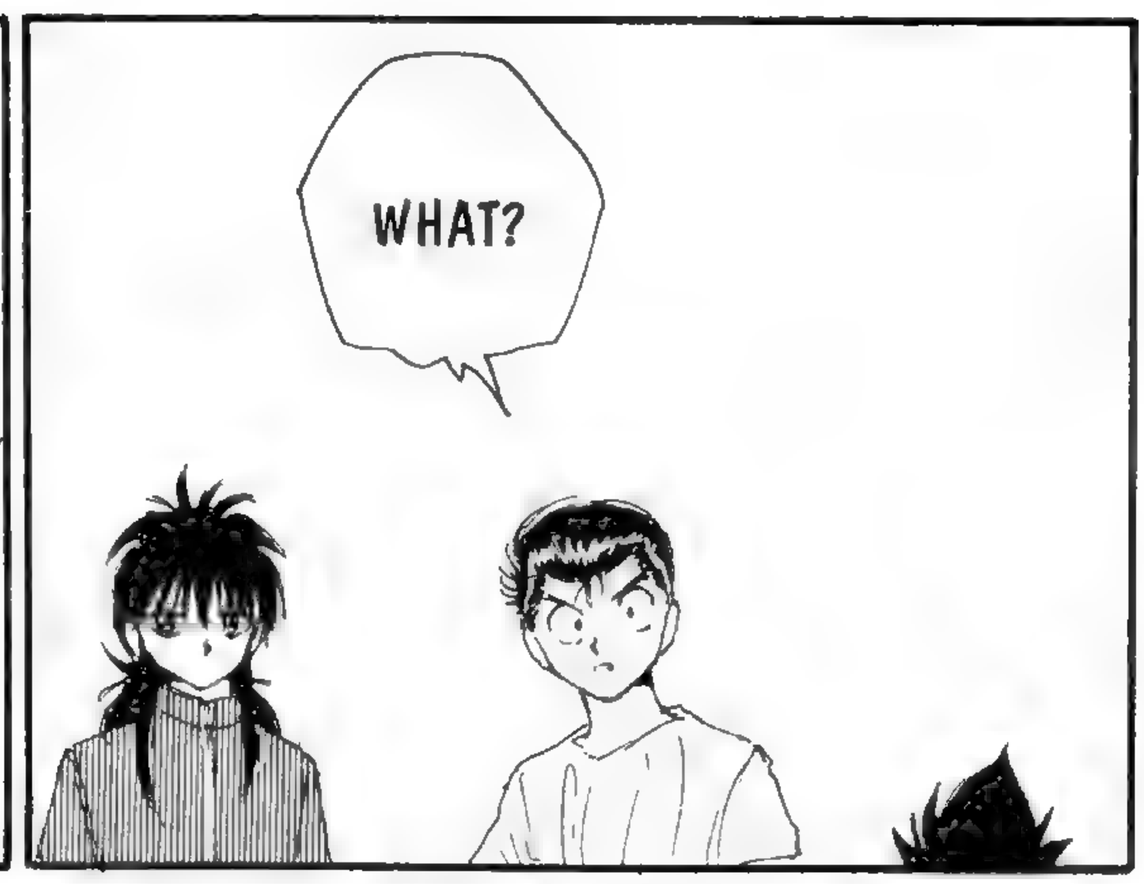
IN LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR YOU WILL WITNESS SOMETHING TRULY HISTORIC.





DEFEAT MAKIHARA, AND I'LL RETURN KUWABARA.


IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED, THIS IS ALL ABOUT CHALLENGES.
JUST WHAT I SAID.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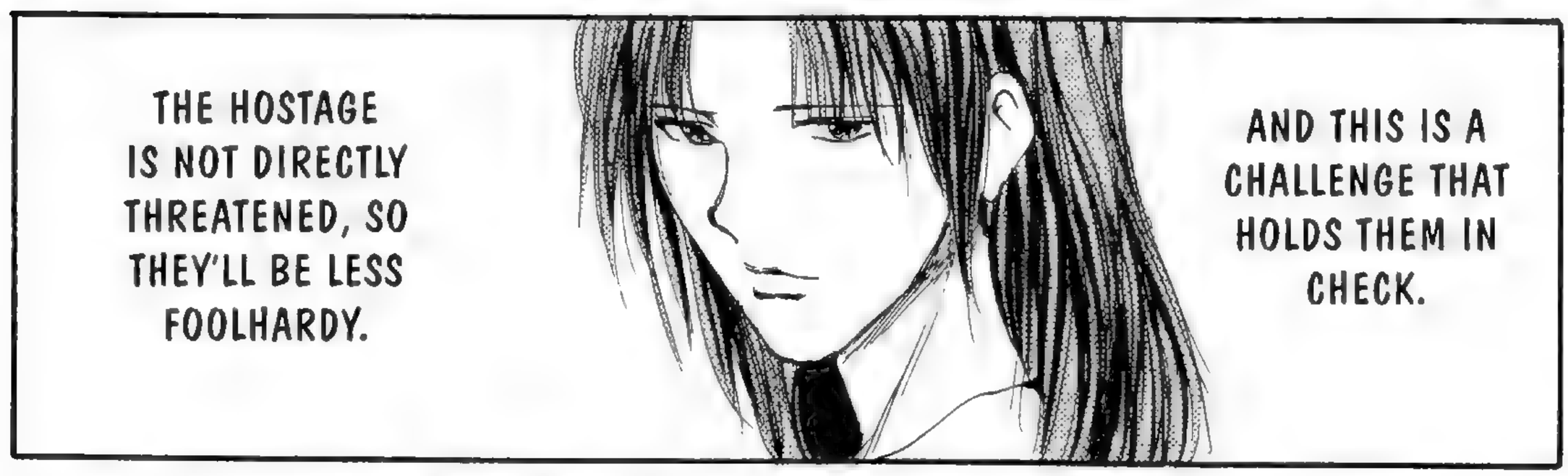
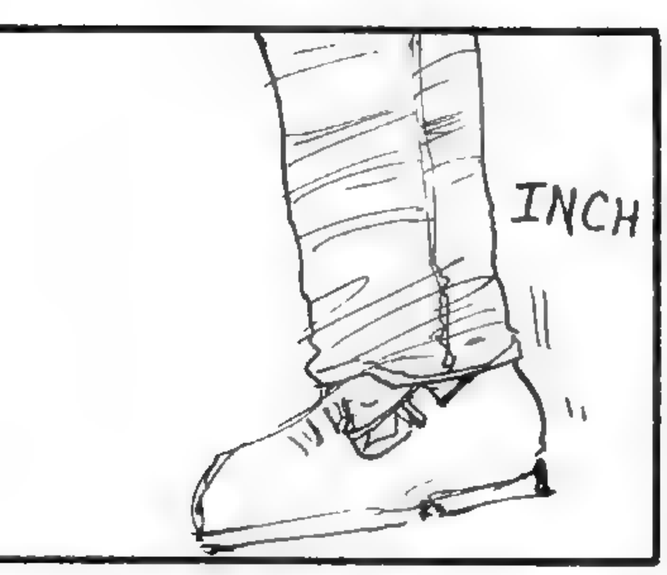

THE HOSTAGE IS NOT DIRECTLY THREATENED, SO THEY'LL BE LESS FOOLHARDY.
AND THIS IS A CHALLENGE THAT HOLDS THEM IN CHECK.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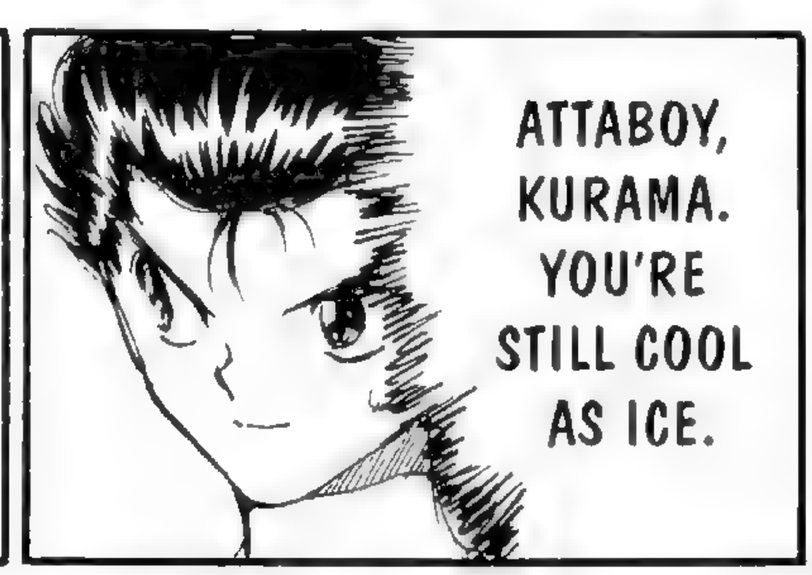
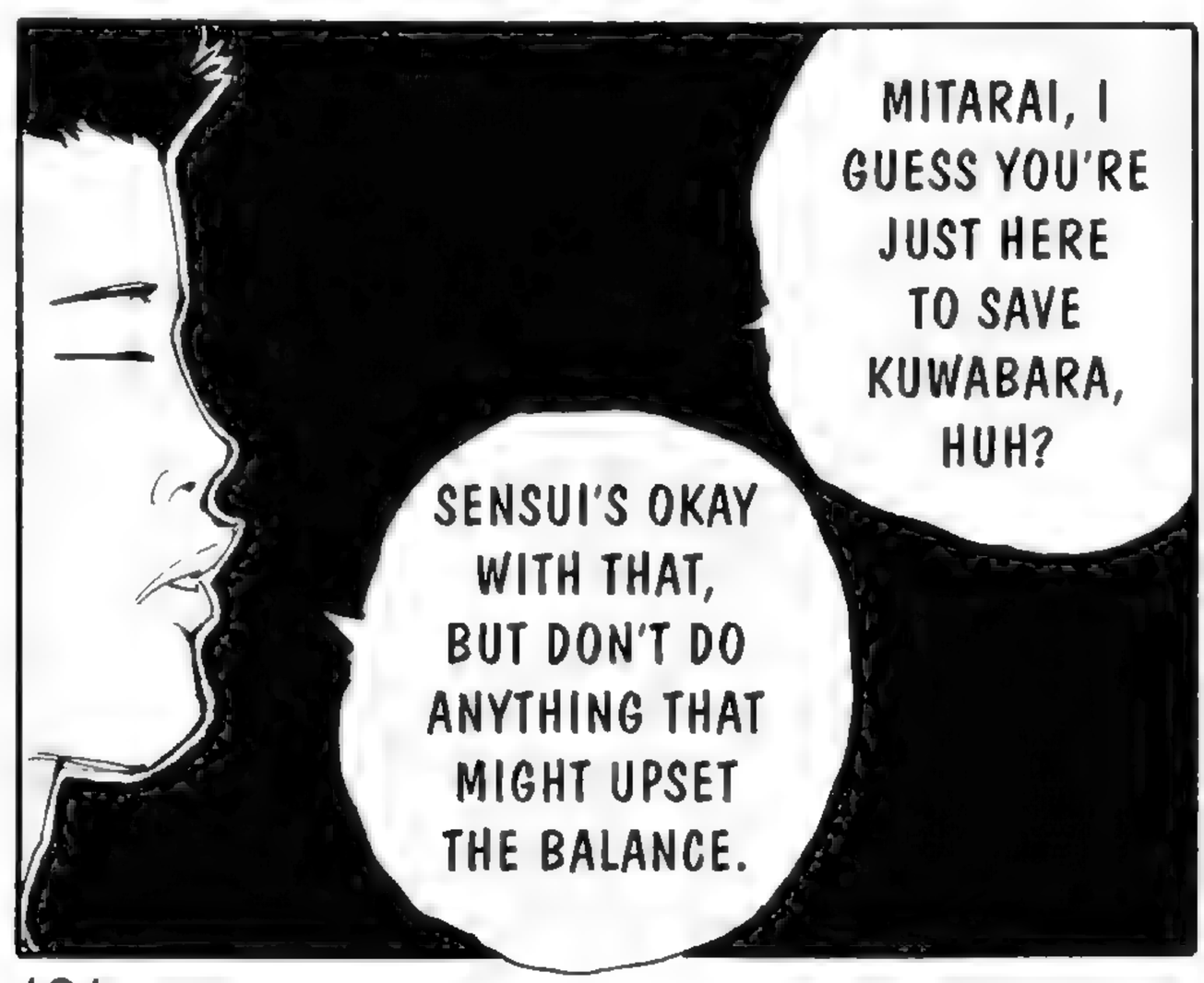

ATTABOY, KURAMA. YOU'RE STILL COOL AS ICE.

WE'LL PLAY ALONG AND GAUGE THE SITUATION.
DON'T TRUST HIM.
UH... RIGHT.


MITARAI, I GUESS YOU'RE JUST HERE TO SAVE KUWABARA, HUH?
SENSUI'S OKAY WITH THAT, BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT UPSET THE BALANCE.

HEH
AS FOR YOU, KURAMA...

HE'S MADE A DEAL, AND HE'LL STICK TO IT.
!

...YOU'RE NOT PLEASED YOU HAD TO KILL AMANUMA, ARE YOU? YOU'RE **SICK AND ANGRY** ABOUT IT, IN FACT.

TWITCH

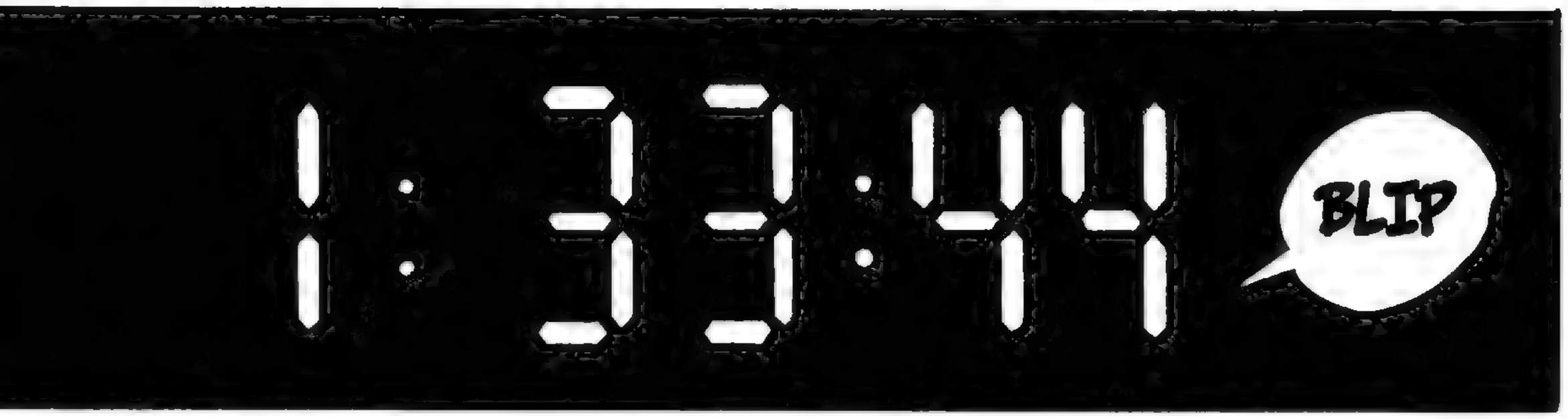
'AT'S RIGHT, BRO...

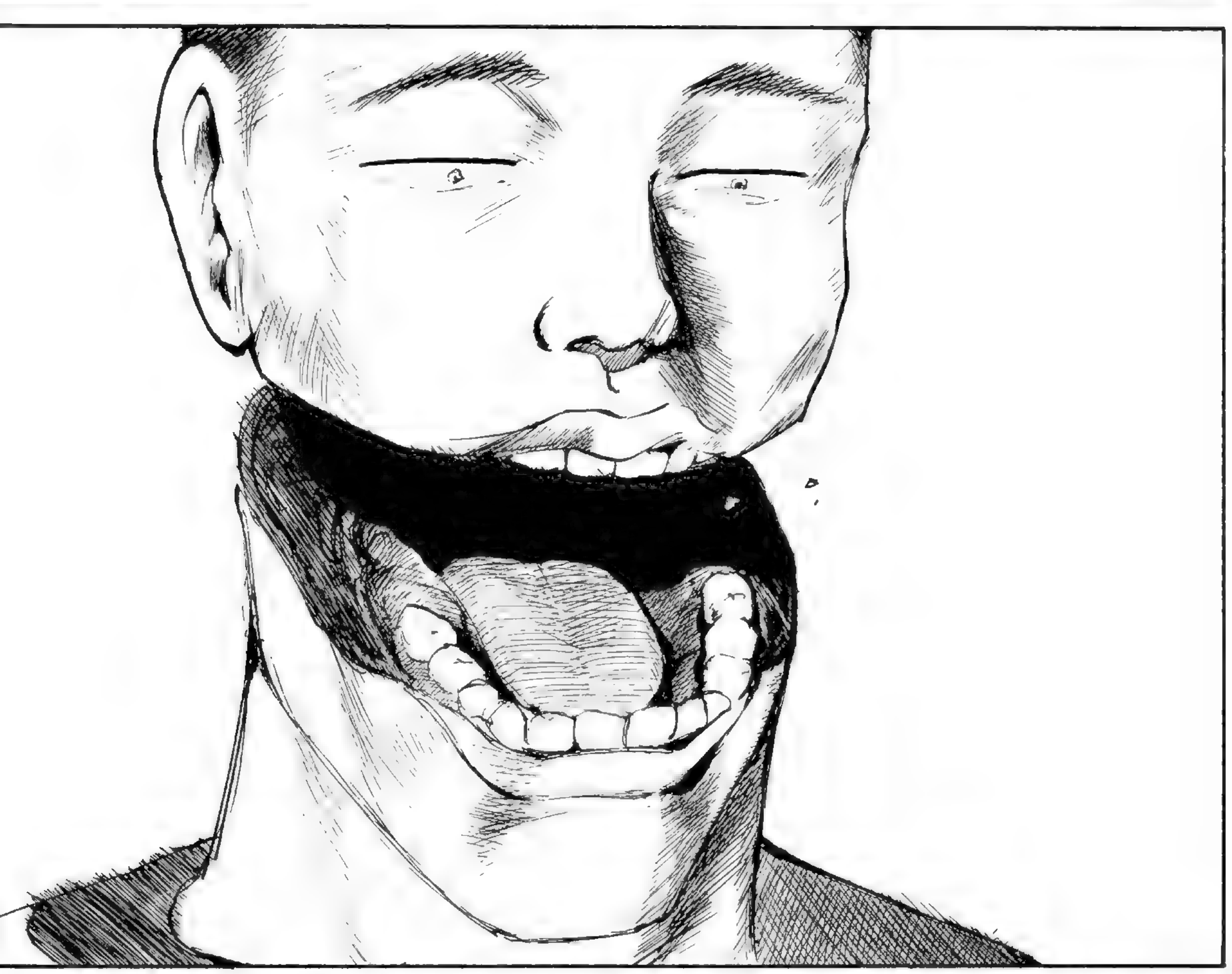
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE—
AH!

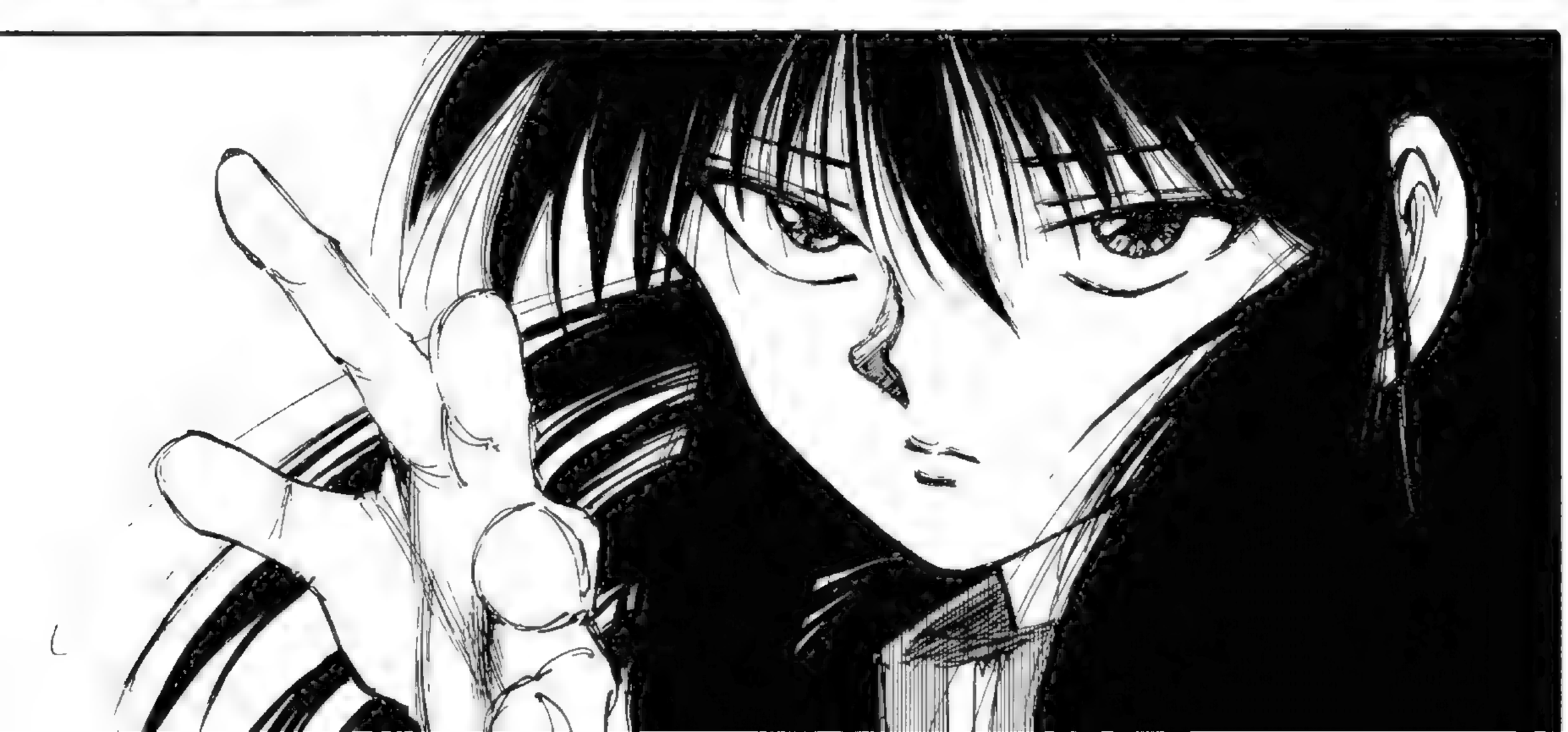
HOW COULD HE **KNOW?!**
IT'S LIKE HE'S READING...

...I ATE MUROTA'S ABILITY.
IT'S ME HE'S AFTER ANYWAY.
SWISH
LEAVE IT TO ME.
KURAMA ...
HIS MIND... IT'S FALLEN SILENT...
?
BLIP
1:33:42

HIS TRUE IDENTITY?!







HIS
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IDENTITY?!

WHAT THE ...?!
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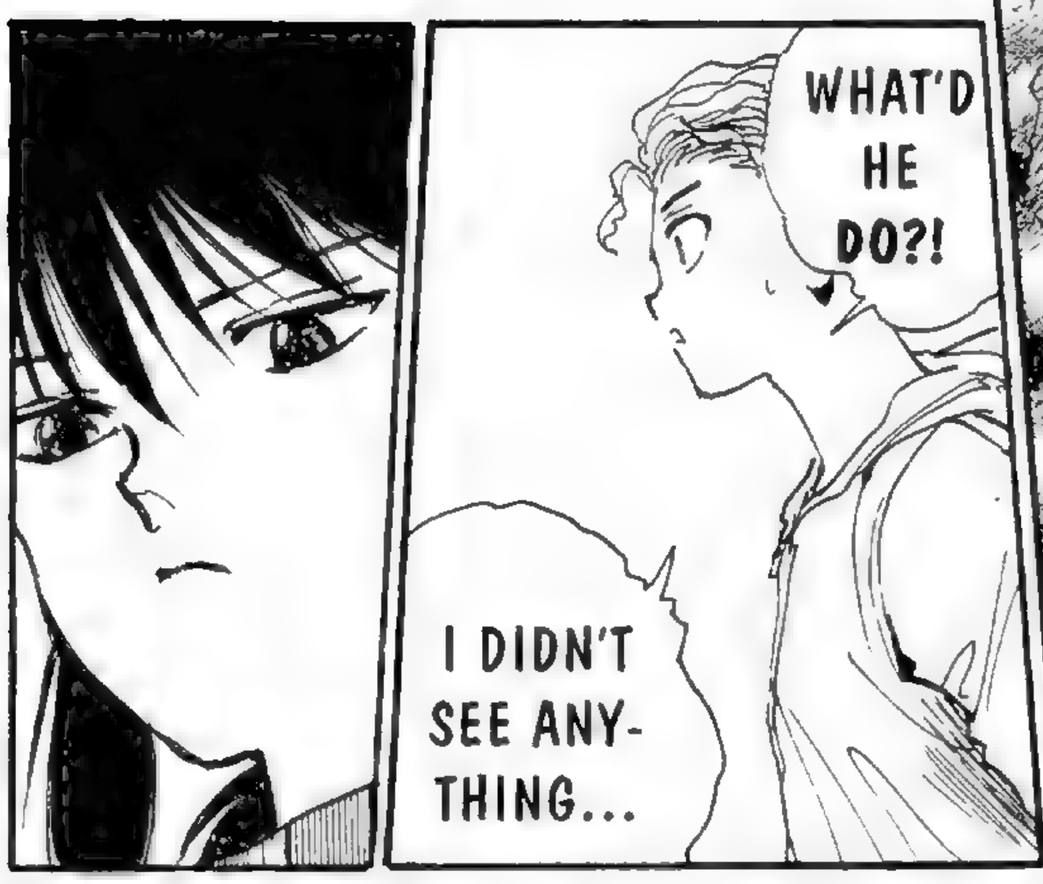
WHAT'D HE DO?!
I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING...

TWITCH
TWITCH

CLEAN, QUICK, AND THOROUGH!
HE WHIPPED MAKIHARA ON THE SPOT!

SHOW YOURSELF, TOGURO.
YOU'RE A LOUSY ACTOR, Y'KNOW THAT?

YOUR EMOTING ASIDE, I CAN SMELL YOU.

HEH ...

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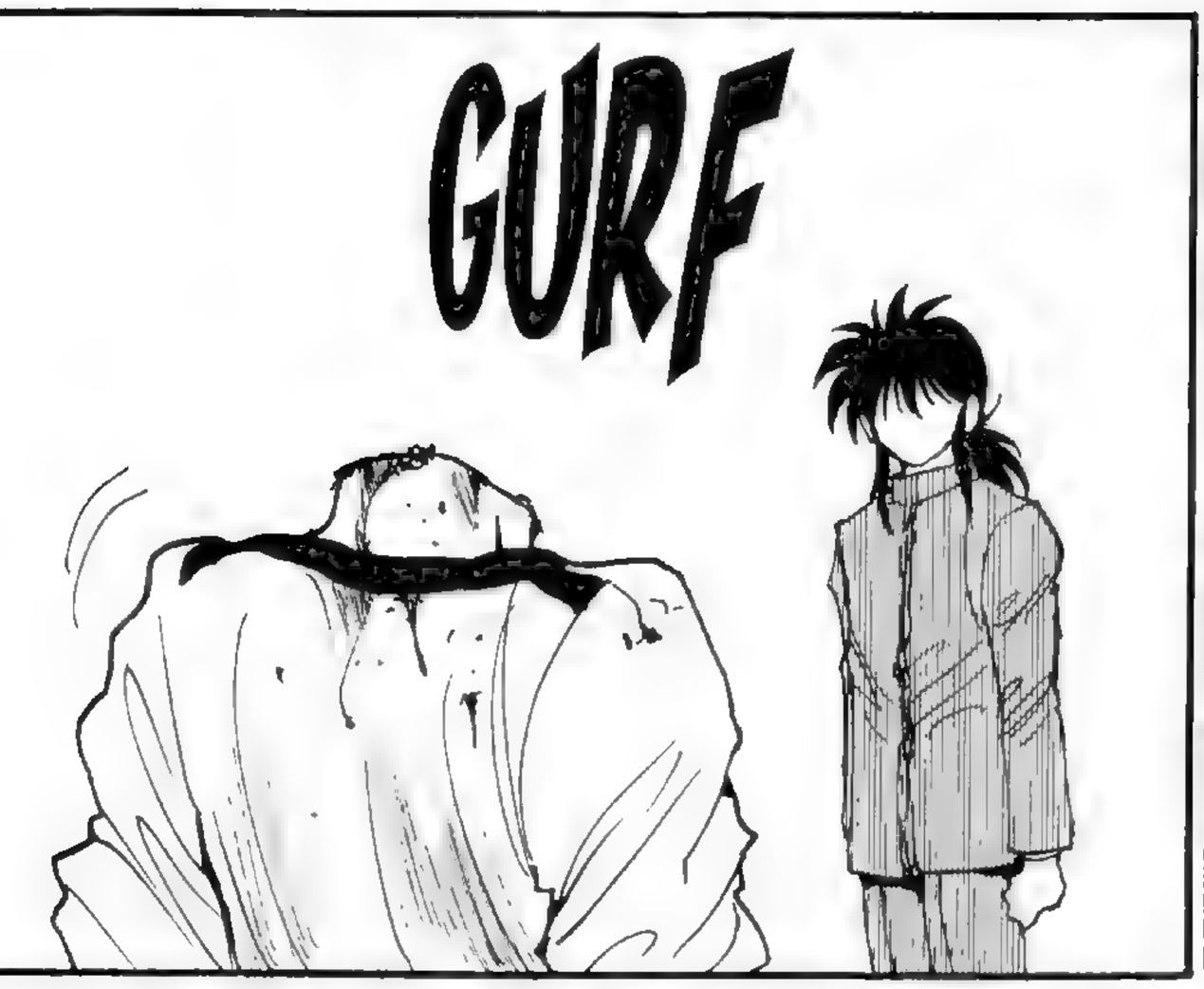
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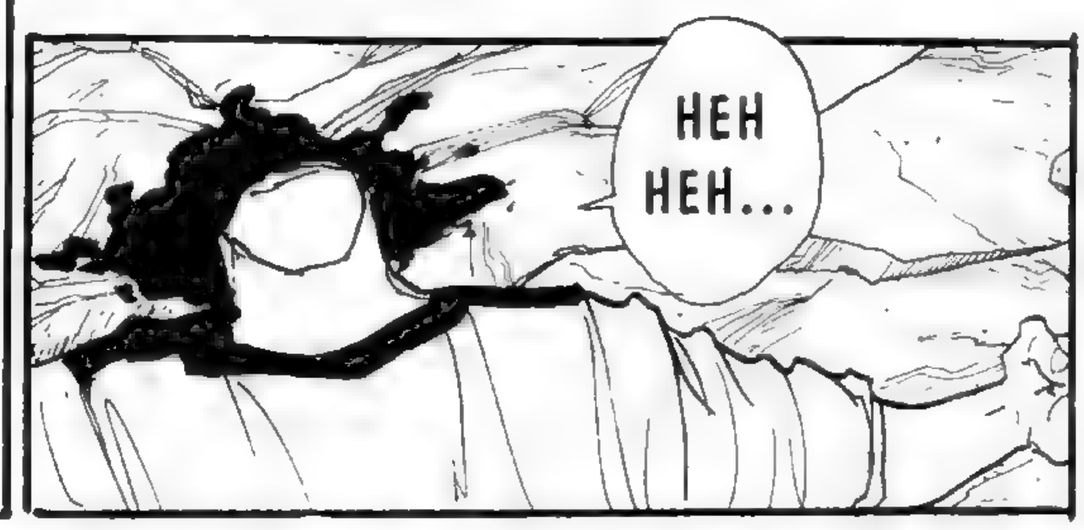
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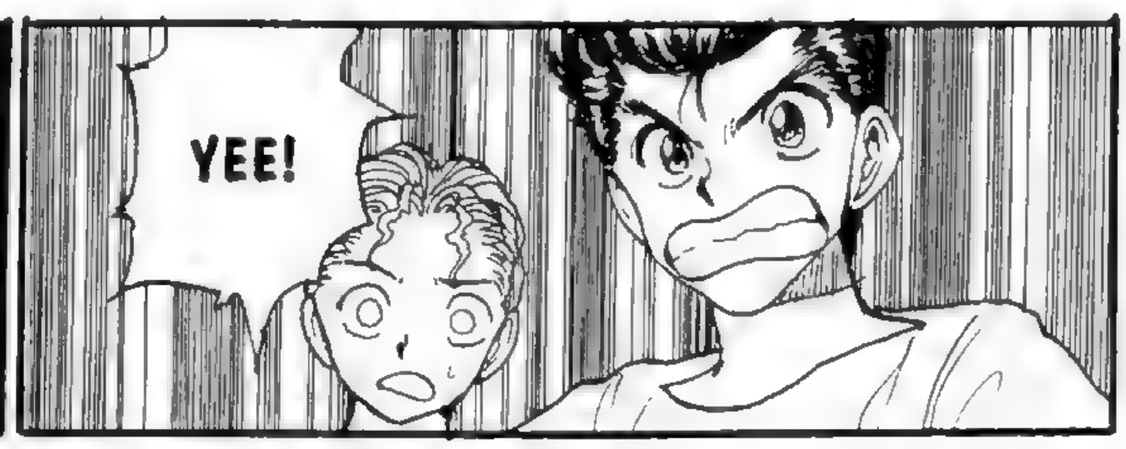
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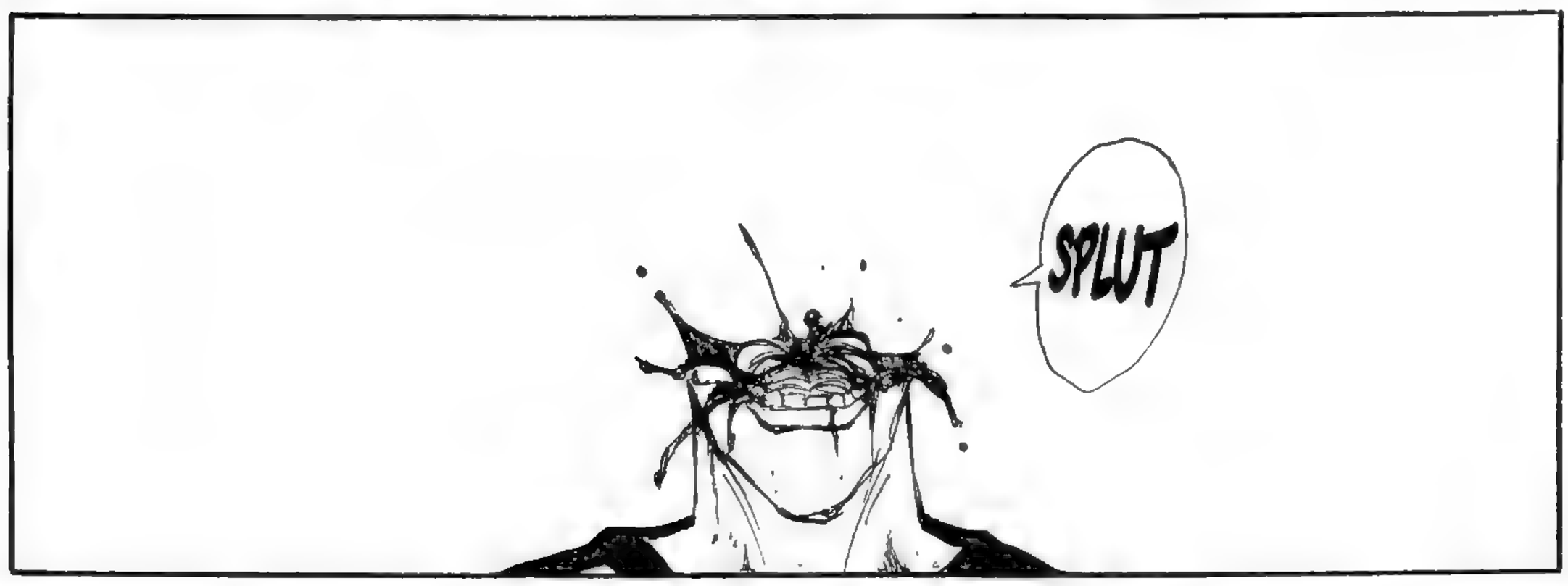
SPLUT

SHLUUP

MAKIHARA... HE WAS ALREADY DEAD...?

THE ELDER TOGURO!!

DIDN'T FOOL YOU FOR A SECOND, EH?

YOUR SENSE OF SMELL HAS BECOME QUITE ACUTE.

HIS ABILITY, GOURMET, LIVES ON... IN ME.

YES, MOSTLY.

I EMITTED A SIGNAL AT A SPECIFIC WAVELENGTH THAT ONLY SOMEONE WITH POWER AND EVIL IN HIS SOUL COULD PICK UP. I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE YEARS BEFORE SOMEONE SHOWED, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE HARDLY ANY TIME AT ALL...

AFTER MY TREACHEROUS BROTHER BLEW ME TO BITS, I SLOWLY REGENERATED IN THE OCEAN. HALF MY HEAD WAS RESTORED BY THE TIME I WASHED ASHORE, AND ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS GETTING REVENGE ON YOU ALL.

HELLO YOURSELF. NEED A HAND?

YES, IT WAS SENSUI.

HELLO ...

...IT WAS TIME TO PUT MY PLAN INTO ACTION.

AT THAT MOMENT I KNEW...

HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU, URAMESHI. IT STIRRED...

...AN ODD SENSE OF DESTINY IN ME.

MY PLAN TO OBLITERATE HUMANITY.

GLORP

↑ Elder Toguro

...BUT IT WAS NO CONTEST. I RATHER ENJOYED THE PAIN AND TERROR HE FELT...

THE RESULT, OF COURSE, WAS THAT I STARTED TO TAKE HIM OVER. HE TRIED TO FIGHT ME...

BUT I PROVED A **BIT TOO MUCH** FOR A MERE HUMAN WITH THAT ABILITY TO DIGEST.

HEH HEH HEH HEH

...
SCUM.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN...

I CAN **REGENERATE**, I CAN **ABSORB ABILITIES**, AND I CAN READ MINDS! I AM YOUR **WORST NIGHTMARE!**

I WILL DEVOUR YOU AND GAIN THE POWER OF THE DEMON FOX!

BUT I'M **NOT** THE DEMON YOU ONCE FACED!

HA HA HA! HOW TYPICALLY **ARROGANT!**

?

PWOOF

HE THREW UP A SMOKE SCREEN!

I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

YOUR VAUNTED COMPOSURE'S NO USE NOW.

POWDERED FUNGUS OF SOME KIND. A FUTILE TACTIC.

WOOSH

...BUT NOW I PICK YOU UP JUST FINE, AS YOU TRY TO **FORMULATE A STRATEGY** TO TAKE ME OUT!!

I COULDN'T HEAR YOU EARLIER BECAUSE YOUR **RAGE** WAS WIPING OUT YOUR THOUGHTS...

IF I GET TOO CLOSE, HE'LL DEVOUR ME FOR SURE.

I'LL STAY HIDDEN AND FOLLOW HIM BY SCENT.

YOU'RE JUST FIVE METERS AWAY, WHIP AT THE READY.

HEH HEH...I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.

HAH
!!!
FOSCH!!
!!

GOTCHA IN ONE MOVE!!

KNOCK

HUH?

WELL? IS THAT IT?

THEN HOW'S THIS?!

TRYING TO ACT TOUGH?!

CUT

THOOK

SLAB

SLASH

GRRAUGH !!

GRR!

...THEN WHY DOES TOGURO KEEP FIGHTING? WHAT'S GOING ON...?
ARRGH
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
SOUNDS LIKE A SLAUGHTER IN THERE!
BUT I ONLY HEAR TOGURO! IF KURAMA'S DEAD...
LOOK.
AH!
TOGURO'S FINISHED.
KURAMA !
SHUSSSH

RAAGH!

FINISHED ?!

HE'S STILL FIGHTING! BUT IF YOU'RE HERE, KURAMA, THEN WHO...?

HE WON'T DIE! WHY WON'T HE DIE?!

DOOM

...WHYYY WON'T HE DIIIIE...?
WHYYYYYY...

RAARRRGH
BUT TOGURO CAN'T DIE. HE'LL FIGHT MY GHOST...
THAT TREE WILL HOLD HIM UNTIL...
...IT'S SUCKED EVERY TRACE OF LIFE FROM HIM.

...FOR ALL ETERNITY.

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